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GRANT AGREEMENT

Project 101124871 — EQAVET NRPCZ 2023-26

PREAMBLE

This **Agreement** ('the Agreement') is **between** the following parties:

on the one part,

the **European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** ('EU executive agency' or 'granting authority'), under the powers delegated by the European Commission ('European Commission'),

and

on the other part,

1. 'the coordinator':

NARODNI PEDAGOGICKY INSTITUT CESKE REPUBLIKY (NPI ČR), PIC 948011653, established in SENOVAZNE NAMESTI 872/25, PRAHA 110 00, Czechia,

Unless otherwise specified, references to 'beneficiary' or 'beneficiaries' include the coordinator and affiliated entities (if any).

If only one beneficiary signs the grant agreement ('mono-beneficiary grant'), all provisions referring to the 'coordinator' or the 'beneficiaries' will be considered — mutatis mutandis — as referring to the beneficiary.

The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into the Agreement.

By signing the Agreement and the accession forms, the beneficiaries accept the grant and agree to implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with the Agreement, with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

The Agreement is composed of:

Preamble

Terms and Conditions (including Data Sheet)

- Annex 1 Description of the action¹
- Annex 2 Estimated budget for the action
- Annex 3 Accession forms (if applicable)²
- Annex 3a Declaration on joint and several liability of affiliated entities (if applicable)³
- Annex 4 Model for the financial statements
- Annex 5 Specific rules (if applicable)

¹ Template published on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

² Template published on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

³ Template published on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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DATA SHEET**1. General data**

Project summary:

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The project responds to the current situation of further development of the Czech VET system towards accessible vocationally oriented learning regardless of the age of the learners and focuses on the use of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in processes of self-evaluation in the VET schools. An example of which NRP EQAVET CZ uses to apply the EQAVET quality assurance cycle is the creation of modularized school educational programmes. Revision of the framework of educational programmes and creation of the model school educational programmes is being prepared at the national level. The main objective (support VET providers in using the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes) emerged from the situation, which provides NPR EQAVET CZ with the opportunities to train VET schools and their social partners to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes and to provide feedback to the stakeholders at the national level. Concrete activities are described in WP1-WP5. The WP3 will map the conditions under which schools create their modularized school educational programmes and to offer VET schools a digitized self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning. During the WP4 NRP CZ will provide feedback from VET schools to stakeholders at the national level on the prototype model modularized school educational programmes and to learn representatives of 8 VET schools that already have an experience with modularization in education to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the creation of new modularized school educational programmes and to cooperate with social partners on evaluation of the modularly arranged school educational programmes. The peer review in WP5 aims to modularization in VET. The project produces (WP2-WP5) 12 complex outputs.

Keywords:

- EQAVET quality assurance cycle; modularization; school educational programme

Project number: 101124871

Project name: Support of implementation of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in VET curriculum design.

Project acronym: EQAVET NRPCZ 2023-26

Call: ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA

Topic: ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA

Type of action: ERASMUS Lump Sum Grants

Granting authority: European Education and Culture Executive Agency

Grant managed through EU Funding & Tenders Portal: Yes (eGrants)

Project starting date: fixed date: 1 September 2023

Project end date: 31 August 2026

Project duration: 36 months

Consortium agreement: No

2. Participants**List of participants:**

N°	Role	Short name	Legal name	Ctry	PIC	Max grant amount
1	COO	NPI ČR	NARODNI PEDAGOGICKY INSTITUT CESKE REPUBLIKY	CZ	948011653	253 495.00
Total						253 495.00

Coordinator:

– NARODNI PEDAGOGICKY INSTITUT CESKE REPUBLIKY (NPI ČR)

3. Grant

Maximum grant amount, total estimated eligible costs and contributions and funding rate:

Maximum grant amount (Annex 2)	Maximum grant amount (award decision)
253 495.00	253 495.00

Grant form: Lump Sum

Grant mode: Action grant

Budget categories/activity types: Lump sum contributions

Cost eligibility options: n/a

Budget flexibility: No

4. Reporting, payments and recoveries

4.1 Continuous reporting (art 21)

Deliverables: see Funding & Tenders Portal Continuous Reporting tool

4.2 Periodic reporting and payments

Reporting and payment schedule (art 21, 22):

Reporting					Payments	
Reporting periods			Type	Deadline	Type	Deadline (time to pay)
RP No	Month from	Month to				
					Initial prefinancing	30 days from entry into force/ financial guarantee (if required) – whichever is the latest
1	1	36	Periodic report	60 days after end of reporting period	Final payment	90 days from receiving periodic report

Prefinancing payments and guarantees:

Prefinancing payment		Prefinancing guarantee		
Type	Amount	Guarantee amount	Division per participant	
Prefinancing 1 (initial)	202 796.00	n/a	1 - NPI ČR	n/a

Reporting and payment modalities (art 21, 22):

Mutual Insurance Mechanism (MIM): No

Restrictions on distribution of initial prefinancing: The prefinancing may be distributed only if the minimum number of

beneficiaries set out in the call conditions (if any) have acceded to the Agreement and only to beneficiaries that have acceded.

Interim payment ceiling (if any): 100% of the maximum grant amount

No-profit rule: n/a

Late payment interest: ECB + 3.5%

Bank account for payments:

CZ1007101000010079530011

Conversion into euros: n/a

Reporting language: Language of the Agreement

4.3 Certificates (art 24): n/a

4.4 Recoveries (art 22)

First-line liability for recoveries:

Beneficiary termination: Beneficiary concerned

Final payment: Coordinator

After final payment: Beneficiary concerned

Joint and several liability for enforced recoveries (in case of non-payment):

Limited joint and several liability of other beneficiaries — up to the maximum grant amount of the beneficiary

Joint and several liability of affiliated entities — n/a

5. Consequences of non-compliance, applicable law & dispute settlement forum

Applicable law (art 43):

Standard applicable law regime: EU law + law of Belgium

Dispute settlement forum (art 43):

Standard dispute settlement forum:

EU beneficiaries: EU General Court + EU Court of Justice (on appeal)

Non-EU beneficiaries: Courts of Brussels, Belgium (unless an international agreement provides for the enforceability of EU court judgements)

6. Other

Specific rules (Annex 5): Yes

Standard time-limits after project end:

Confidentiality (for X years after final payment): 5

Record-keeping (for X years after final payment): 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000)



Reviews (up to X years after final payment): 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000)

Audits (up to X years after final payment): 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000)

Extension of findings from other grants to this grant (no later than X years after final payment): 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000)

Impact evaluation (up to X years after final payment): 5 (or 3 for grants of not more than EUR 60 000)

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

ARTICLE 1 — SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement sets out the rights and obligations and terms and conditions applicable to the grant awarded for the implementation of the action set out in Chapter 2.

ARTICLE 2 — DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

Actions — The project which is being funded in the context of this Agreement.

Grant — The grant awarded in the context of this Agreement.

EU grants — Grants awarded by EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies (including EU executive agencies, EU regulatory agencies, EDA, joint undertakings, etc.).

Participants — Entities participating in the action as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties.

Beneficiaries (BEN) — The signatories of this Agreement (either directly or through an accession form).

Affiliated entities (AE) — Entities affiliated to a beneficiary within the meaning of Article 187 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046⁴ which participate in the action with similar rights and obligations as the beneficiaries (obligation to implement action tasks and right to charge costs and claim contributions).

Associated partners (AP) — Entities which participate in the action, but without the right to charge costs or claim contributions.

Purchases — Contracts for goods, works or services needed to carry out the action (e.g. equipment, consumables and supplies) but which are not part of the action tasks (see Annex 1).

Subcontracting — Contracts for goods, works or services that are part of the action tasks (see Annex 1).

In-kind contributions — In-kind contributions within the meaning of Article 2(36) of EU Financial

⁴ For the definition, see Article 187 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1): "**affiliated entities** [are]:

- (a) entities that form a sole beneficiary [(i.e. where an entity is formed of several entities that satisfy the criteria for being awarded a grant, including where the entity is specifically established for the purpose of implementing an action to be financed by a grant)];
- (b) entities that satisfy the eligibility criteria and that do not fall within one of the situations referred to in Article 136(1) and 141(1) and that have a link with the beneficiary, in particular a legal or capital link, which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation".

Regulation 2018/1046, i.e. non-financial resources made available free of charge by third parties.

Fraud — Fraud within the meaning of Article 3 of EU Directive 2017/1371⁵ and Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995⁶, as well as any other wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

Irregularities — Any type of breach (regulatory or contractual) which could impact the EU financial interests, including irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of EU Regulation 2988/95⁷.

Grave professional misconduct — Any type of unacceptable or improper behaviour in exercising one's profession, especially by employees, including grave professional misconduct within the meaning of Article 136(1)(c) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

Applicable EU, international and national law — Any legal acts or other (binding or non-binding) rules and guidance in the area concerned.

Portal — EU Funding & Tenders Portal; electronic portal and exchange system managed by the European Commission and used by itself and other EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies for the management of their funding programmes (grants, procurements, prizes, etc.).

CHAPTER 2 ACTION

ARTICLE 3 — ACTION

The grant is awarded for the action **101124871 — EQAVET NRPCZ 2023-26** ('action'), as described in Annex 1.

ARTICLE 4 — DURATION AND STARTING DATE

The duration and the starting date of the action are set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 1).

CHAPTER 3 GRANT

ARTICLE 5 — GRANT

5.1 Form of grant

⁵ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

⁶ OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48.

⁷ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1).

The grant is an action grant⁸ which takes the form of a lump sum grant for the completion of work packages.

5.2 Maximum grant amount

The maximum grant amount is set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 3) and in the estimated budget (Annex 2).

5.3 Funding rate

Not applicable

5.4 Estimated budget, budget categories and forms of funding

The estimated budget for the action (lump sum breakdown) is set out in Annex 2.

It contains the estimated eligible contributions for the action (lump sum contributions), broken down by participant and work package.

Annex 2 also shows the types of contributions (forms of funding)⁹ to be used for each work package.

5.5 Budget flexibility

Budget flexibility does not apply; changes to the estimated budget (lump sum breakdown) always require an amendment (see Article 39).

Amendments for transfers between *work packages* are moreover possible only if:

- the work packages concerned are not already completed (and declared in a financial statement) and
- the transfers are justified by the technical implementation of the action.

ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

6.1 and 6.2 General and specific eligibility conditions

Lump sum contributions are eligible ('eligible contributions'), if:

- (a) they are set out in Annex 2 and
- (b) the work packages are completed and the work is properly implemented by the beneficiaries and/or the results are achieved, in accordance with Annex 1 and during in the period set out in Article 4 (with the exception of work/results relating to the submission of the final periodic report, which may be achieved afterwards; see Article 21)

They will be calculated on the basis of the amounts set out in Annex 2.

⁸ For the definition, see Article 180(2)(a) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: '**action grant**' means an EU grant to finance "an action intended to help achieve a Union policy objective".

⁹ See Article 125 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

6.3 Ineligible contributions

‘Ineligible contributions’ are:

- (a) lump sum contributions that do not comply with the conditions set out above (see Article 6.1 and 6.2)
- (b) lump sum contributions for activities already funded under other EU grants (or grants awarded by an EU Member State, non-EU country or other body implementing the EU budget), except for the following case:
 - (i) Synergy actions: not applicable
- (c) other:
 - (i) country restrictions for eligible costs: not applicable.

6.4 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary declares lump sum contributions that are ineligible, they will be rejected (see Article 27).

This may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

CHAPTER 4 GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 1 CONSORTIUM: BENEFICIARIES, AFFILIATED ENTITIES AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

ARTICLE 7 — BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries, as signatories of the Agreement, are fully responsible towards the granting authority for implementing it and for complying with all its obligations.

They must implement the Agreement to their best abilities, in good faith and in accordance with all the obligations and terms and conditions it sets out.

They must have the appropriate resources to implement the action and implement the action under their own responsibility and in accordance with Article 11. If they rely on affiliated entities or other participants (see Articles 8 and 9), they retain sole responsibility towards the granting authority and the other beneficiaries.

They are jointly responsible for the *technical* implementation of the action. If one of the beneficiaries fails to implement their part of the action, the other beneficiaries must ensure that this part is implemented by someone else (without being entitled to an increase of the maximum grant amount and subject to an amendment; see Article 39). The *financial* responsibility of each beneficiary in case of recoveries is governed by Article 22.

The beneficiaries (and their action) must remain eligible under the EU programme funding the grant

for the entire duration of the action. Lump sum contributions will be eligible only as long as the beneficiary and the action are eligible.

The **internal roles and responsibilities** of the beneficiaries are divided as follows:

(a) Each beneficiary must:

- (i) keep information stored in the Portal Participant Register up to date (see Article 19)
- (ii) inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) immediately of any events or circumstances likely to affect significantly or delay the implementation of the action (see Article 19)
- (iii) submit to the coordinator in good time:
 - the prefinancing guarantees (if required; see Article 23)
 - the financial statements and certificates on the financial statements (CFS): not applicable
 - the contribution to the deliverables and technical reports (see Article 21)
 - any other documents or information required by the granting authority under the Agreement
- (iv) submit via the Portal data and information related to the participation of their affiliated entities.

(b) The coordinator must:

- (i) monitor that the action is implemented properly (see Article 11)
- (ii) act as the intermediary for all communications between the consortium and the granting authority, unless the Agreement or granting authority specifies otherwise, and in particular:
 - submit the prefinancing guarantees to the granting authority (if any)
 - request and review any documents or information required and verify their quality and completeness before passing them on to the granting authority
 - submit the deliverables and reports to the granting authority
 - inform the granting authority about the payments made to the other beneficiaries (report on the distribution of payments; if required, see Articles 22 and 32)
- (iii) distribute the payments received from the granting authority to the other beneficiaries without unjustified delay (see Article 22).

The coordinator may not delegate or subcontract the above-mentioned tasks to any other beneficiary or third party (including affiliated entities).

However, coordinators which are public bodies may delegate the tasks set out in Point (b)(ii) last

indent and (iii) above to entities with ‘authorisation to administer’ which they have created or which are controlled by or affiliated to them. In this case, the coordinator retains sole responsibility for the payments and for compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

Moreover, coordinators which are ‘sole beneficiaries’¹⁰ (or similar, such as European research infrastructure consortia (ERICs)) may delegate the tasks set out in Point (b)(i) to (iii) above to one of their members. The coordinator retains sole responsibility for compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

The beneficiaries must have **internal arrangements** regarding their operation and co-ordination, to ensure that the action is implemented properly.

If required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 1), these arrangements must be set out in a written **consortium agreement** between the beneficiaries, covering for instance:

- the internal organisation of the consortium
- the management of access to the Portal
- different distribution keys for the payments and financial responsibilities in case of recoveries (if any)
- additional rules on rights and obligations related to background and results (see Article 16)
- settlement of internal disputes
- liability, indemnification and confidentiality arrangements between the beneficiaries.

The internal arrangements must not contain any provision contrary to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 — AFFILIATED ENTITIES

Not applicable

ARTICLE 9 — OTHER PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN THE ACTION

9.1 Associated partners

Not applicable

9.2 Third parties giving in-kind contributions to the action

Other third parties may give in-kind contributions to the action (i.e. personnel, equipment, other goods, works and services, etc. which are free-of-charge), if necessary for the implementation.

Third parties giving in-kind contributions do not implement any action tasks. They may not charge contributions to the action (no lump sum contributions) and the costs for the in-kind contributions are not eligible (may not be included in the estimated budget in Annex 2).

¹⁰ For the definition, see Article 187(2) EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: “Where several entities satisfy the criteria for being awarded a grant and together form one entity, that entity may be treated as the **sole beneficiary**, including where it is specifically established for the purpose of implementing the action financed by the grant.”

The third parties and their in-kind contributions should be set out in Annex 1.

9.3 Subcontractors

Subcontractors may participate in the action, if necessary for the implementation.

Subcontractors must implement their action tasks in accordance with Article 11. The beneficiaries' costs for subcontracting are considered entirely covered by the lump sum contributions for implementing the work packages (irrespective of the actual subcontracting costs incurred, if any).

The beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 11 (proper implementation), 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the subcontractors.

The beneficiaries must ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the subcontractors.

9.4 Recipients of financial support to third parties

If the action includes providing financial support to third parties (e.g. grants, prizes or similar forms of support), the beneficiaries must ensure that their contractual obligations under Articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping) also apply to the third parties receiving the support (recipients).

The beneficiaries must also ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the recipients.

ARTICLE 10 — PARTICIPANTS WITH SPECIAL STATUS

10.1 Non-EU participants

Participants which are established in a non-EU country (if any) undertake to comply with their obligations under the Agreement and:

- to respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)
- for the submission of certificates under Article 24: use qualified external auditors which are independent and comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC¹¹
- for the controls under Article 25: allow for checks, reviews, audits and investigations (including on-the-spot checks, visits and inspections) by the bodies mentioned in that Article (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.).

¹¹ Directive 2006/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts or similar national regulations (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 87).

Special rules on dispute settlement apply (see Data Sheet, Point 5).

10.2 Participants which are international organisations

Participants which are international organisations (IOs; if any) undertake to comply with their obligations under the Agreement and:

- to respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)
- for the submission of certificates under Article 24: to use either independent public officers or external auditors which comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC
- for the controls under Article 25: to allow for the checks, reviews, audits and investigations by the bodies mentioned in that Article, taking into account the specific agreements concluded by them and the EU (if any).

For such participants, nothing in the Agreement will be interpreted as a waiver of their privileges or immunities, as accorded by their constituent documents or international law.

Special rules on applicable law and dispute settlement apply (see Article 43 and Data Sheet, Point 5).

10.3 Pillar-assessed participants

Pillar-assessed participants (if any) may rely on their own systems, rules and procedures, in so far as they have been positively assessed and do not call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants or beneficiaries.

‘Pillar-assessment’ means a review by the European Commission on the systems, rules and procedures which participants use for managing EU grants (in particular internal control system, accounting system, external audits, financing of third parties, rules on recovery and exclusion, information on recipients and protection of personal data; see Article 154 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046).

Participants with a positive pillar assessment may rely on their own systems, rules and procedures, in particular for:

- record-keeping (Article 20): may be done in accordance with internal standards, rules and procedures
- currency conversion for financial statements (Article 21): may be done in accordance with usual accounting practices
- guarantees (Article 23): for public law bodies, prefinancing guarantees are not needed
- certificates (Article 24):
 - certificates on the financial statements (CFS): may be provided by their regular internal or external auditors and in accordance with their internal financial regulations and procedures

- certificates on usual accounting practices (CoMUC): are not needed if those practices are covered by an ex-ante assessment

and use the following specific rules, for:

- recoveries (Article 22): in case of financial support to third parties, there will be no recovery if the participant has done everything possible to retrieve the undue amounts from the third party receiving the support (including legal proceedings) and non-recovery is not due to an error or negligence on its part
- checks, reviews, audits and investigations by the EU (Article 25): will be conducted taking into account the rules and procedures specifically agreed between them and the framework agreement (if any)
- impact evaluation (Article 26): will be conducted in accordance with the participant's internal rules and procedures and the framework agreement (if any)
- grant agreement suspension (Article 31): certain costs incurred during grant suspension are eligible (notably, minimum costs necessary for a possible resumption of the action and costs relating to contracts which were entered into before the pre-information letter was received and which could not reasonably be suspended, reallocated or terminated on legal grounds)
- grant agreement termination (Article 32): the final grant amount and final payment will be calculated taking into account also costs relating to contracts due for execution only after termination takes effect, if the contract was entered into before the pre-information letter was received and could not reasonably be terminated on legal grounds
- liability for damages (Article 33.2): the granting authority must be compensated for damage it sustains as a result of the implementation of the action or because the action was not implemented in full compliance with the Agreement only if the damage is due to an infringement of the participant's internal rules and procedures or due to a violation of third parties' rights by the participant or one of its employees or individual for whom the employees are responsible.

Participants whose pillar assessment covers procurement and granting procedures may also do purchases, subcontracting and financial support to third parties (Article 6.2) in accordance with their internal rules and procedures for purchases, subcontracting and financial support.

Participants whose pillar assessment covers data protection rules may rely on their internal standards, rules and procedures for data protection (Article 15).

The participants may however not rely on provisions which would breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants or beneficiaries or call into question the decision awarding the grant, such as in particular:

- eligibility (Article 6)
- consortium roles and set-up (Articles 7-9)
- security and ethics (Articles 13, 14)

- IPR (including background and results, access rights and rights of use), communication, dissemination and visibility (Articles 16 and 17)
- information obligation (Article 19)
- payment, reporting and amendments (Articles 21, 22 and 39)
- rejections, reductions, suspensions and terminations (Articles 27, 28, 29-32)

If the pillar assessment was subject to remedial measures, reliance on the internal systems, rules and procedures is subject to compliance with those remedial measures.

Participants whose assessment has not yet been updated to cover (the new rules on) data protection may rely on their internal systems, rules and procedures, provided that they ensure that personal data is:

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed
- accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the data is processed and
- processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data.

Participants must inform the coordinator without delay of any changes to the systems, rules and procedures that were part of the pillar assessment. The coordinator must immediately inform the granting authority.

Pillar-assessed participants that have also concluded a framework agreement with the EU, may moreover — under the same conditions as those above (i.e. not call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants or beneficiaries) — rely on provisions set out in that framework agreement.

SECTION 2 RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION

ARTICLE 11 — PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION

11.1 Obligation to properly implement the action

The beneficiaries must implement the action as described in Annex 1 and in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement, the call conditions and all legal obligations under applicable EU, international and national law.

11.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 12 — CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

12.1 Conflict of interests

The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests').

They must formally notify the granting authority without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

The granting authority may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

12.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28) and the grant or the beneficiary may be terminated (see Article 32).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 13 — CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

13.1 Sensitive information

The parties must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing ('sensitive information') — during the implementation of the action and for at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

If a beneficiary requests, the granting authority may agree to keep such information confidential for a longer period.

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, they may use sensitive information only to implement the Agreement.

The beneficiaries may disclose sensitive information to their personnel or other participants involved in the action only if they:

- (a) need to know it in order to implement the Agreement and
- (b) are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The granting authority may disclose sensitive information to its staff and to other EU institutions and bodies.

It may moreover disclose sensitive information to third parties, if:

- (a) this is necessary to implement the Agreement or safeguard the EU financial interests and
- (b) the recipients of the information are bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

The confidentiality obligations no longer apply if:

- (a) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party
- (b) the information becomes publicly available, without breaching any confidentiality obligation
- (c) the disclosure of the sensitive information is required by EU, international or national law.

Specific confidentiality rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

13.2 Classified information

The parties must handle classified information in accordance with the applicable EU, international or national law on classified information (in particular, Decision 2015/444¹² and its implementing rules).

Deliverables which contain classified information must be submitted according to special procedures agreed with the granting authority.

Action tasks involving classified information may be subcontracted only after explicit approval (in writing) from the granting authority.

Classified information may not be disclosed to any third party (including participants involved in the action implementation) without prior explicit written approval from the granting authority.

Specific security rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

13.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 14 — ETHICS AND VALUES

14.1 Ethics

The action must be carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles.

Specific ethics rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

14.2 Values

The beneficiaries must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for

¹² Commission Decision 2015/444/EC, Euratom of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

Specific rules on values (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

14.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 15 — DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Data processing by the granting authority

Any personal data under the Agreement will be processed under the responsibility of the data controller of the granting authority in accordance with and for the purposes set out in the Portal Privacy Statement.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission, an EU regulatory or executive agency, joint undertaking or other EU body, the processing will be subject to Regulation 2018/1725¹³.

15.2 Data processing by the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries must process personal data under the Agreement in compliance with the applicable EU, international and national law on data protection (in particular, Regulation 2016/679¹⁴).

They must ensure that personal data is:

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subjects
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed
- accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the data is processed and
- processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the data.

¹³ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

¹⁴ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC ('GDPR') (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

The beneficiaries may grant their personnel access to personal data only if it is strictly necessary for implementing, managing and monitoring the Agreement. The beneficiaries must ensure that the personnel is under a confidentiality obligation.

The beneficiaries must inform the persons whose data are transferred to the granting authority and provide them with the Portal Privacy Statement.

15.3 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 16 — INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) — BACKGROUND AND RESULTS — ACCESS RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF USE

16.1 Background and access rights to background

The beneficiaries must give each other and the other participants access to the background identified as needed for implementing the action, subject to any specific rules in Annex 5.

‘Background’ means any data, know-how or information — whatever its form or nature (tangible or intangible), including any rights such as intellectual property rights — that is:

- (a) held by the beneficiaries before they acceded to the Agreement and
- (b) needed to implement the action or exploit the results.

If background is subject to rights of a third party, the beneficiary concerned must ensure that it is able to comply with its obligations under the Agreement.

16.2 Ownership of results

The granting authority does not obtain ownership of the results produced under the action.

‘Results’ means any tangible or intangible effect of the action, such as data, know-how or information, whatever its form or nature, whether or not it can be protected, as well as any rights attached to it, including intellectual property rights.

16.3 Rights of use of the granting authority on materials, documents and information received for policy, information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes

The granting authority has the right to use non-sensitive information relating to the action and materials and documents received from the beneficiaries (notably summaries for publication, deliverables, as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material, in paper or electronic form) for policy information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes — during the action or afterwards.

The right to use the beneficiaries’ materials, documents and information is granted in the form of a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable licence, which includes the following rights:

- (a) **use for its own purposes** (in particular, making them available to persons working for the granting authority or any other EU service (including institutions, bodies, offices, agencies, etc.) or EU Member State institution or body; copying or reproducing them in whole or in part, in unlimited numbers; and communication through press information services)
- (b) **distribution to the public** (in particular, publication as hard copies and in electronic or digital format, publication on the internet, as a downloadable or non-downloadable file, broadcasting by any channel, public display or presentation, communicating through press information services, or inclusion in widely accessible databases or indexes)
- (c) **editing or redrafting** (including shortening, summarising, inserting other elements (e.g. meta-data, legends, other graphic, visual, audio or text elements), extracting parts (e.g. audio or video files), dividing into parts, use in a compilation)
- (d) **translation**
- (e) **storage** in paper, electronic or other form
- (f) **archiving**, in line with applicable document-management rules
- (g) the right to authorise **third parties** to act on its behalf or sub-license to third parties the modes of use set out in Points (b), (c), (d) and (f), if needed for the information, communication and publicity activity of the granting authority and
- (h) **processing**, analysing, aggregating the materials, documents and information received and **producing derivative works**.

The rights of use are granted for the whole duration of the industrial or intellectual property rights concerned.

If materials or documents are subject to moral rights or third party rights (including intellectual property rights or rights of natural persons on their image and voice), the beneficiaries must ensure that they comply with their obligations under this Agreement (in particular, by obtaining the necessary licences and authorisations from the rights holders concerned).

Where applicable, the granting authority will insert the following information:

“© – [year] – [name of the copyright owner]. All rights reserved. Licensed to the [name of granting authority] under conditions.”

16.4 Specific rules on IPR, results and background

Specific rules regarding intellectual property rights, results and background (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

16.5 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such a breach may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 17 — COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY

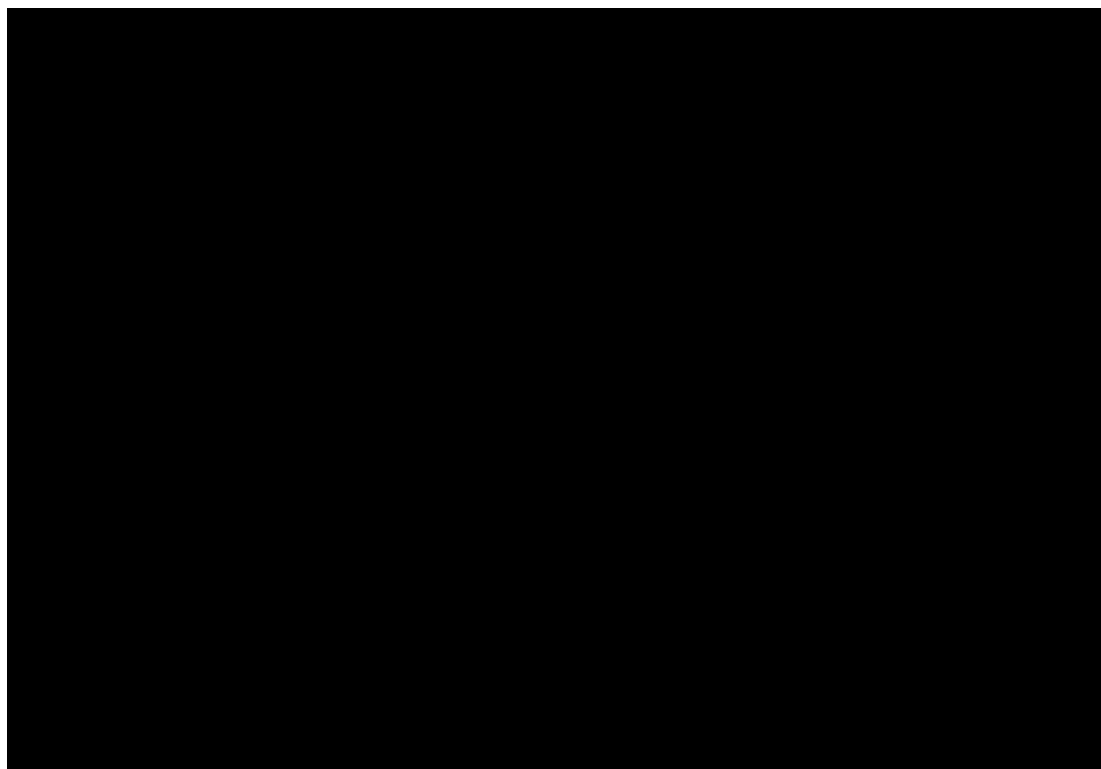
17.1 Communication — Dissemination — Promoting the action

Unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority, the beneficiaries must promote the action and its results by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public), in accordance with Annex 1 and in a strategic, coherent and effective manner.

Before engaging in a communication or dissemination activity expected to have a major media impact, the beneficiaries must inform the granting authority.

17.2 Visibility — European flag and funding statement

Unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority, communication activities of the beneficiaries related to the action (including media relations, conferences, seminars, information material, such as brochures, leaflets, posters, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.), dissemination activities and any infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, supplies or major result funded by the grant must acknowledge the EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate):



The emblem must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified by adding other visual marks, brands or text.

Apart from the emblem, no other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EU support.

When displayed in association with other logos (e.g. of beneficiaries or sponsors), the emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos.

For the purposes of their obligations under this Article, the beneficiaries may use the emblem without first obtaining approval from the granting authority. This does not, however, give them the right to

exclusive use. Moreover, they may not appropriate the emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means.

17.3 Quality of information — Disclaimer

Any communication or dissemination activity related to the action must use factually accurate information.

Moreover, it must indicate the following disclaimer (translated into local languages where appropriate):

“Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or [name of the granting authority]. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.”

17.4 Specific communication, dissemination and visibility rules

Specific communication, dissemination and visibility rules (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

17.5 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 18 — SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION

18.1 Specific rules for carrying out the action

Specific rules for implementing the action (if any) are set out in Annex 5.

18.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such a breach may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

SECTION 3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 19 — GENERAL INFORMATION OBLIGATIONS

19.1 Information requests

The beneficiaries must provide — during the action or afterwards and in accordance with Article 7 — any information requested in order to verify eligibility of the lump sum contributions declared, proper implementation of the action and compliance with the other obligations under the Agreement.

The information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

19.2 Participant Register data updates

The beneficiaries must keep — at all times, during the action or afterwards — their information stored in the Portal Participant Register up to date, in particular, their name, address, legal representatives, legal form and organisation type.

19.3 Information about events and circumstances which impact the action

The beneficiaries must immediately inform the granting authority (and the other beneficiaries) of any of the following:

- (a) **events** which are likely to affect or delay the implementation of the action or affect the EU's financial interests, in particular:
 - (i) changes in their legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour signed before grant signature)
 - (ii) linked action information: not applicable
- (b) **circumstances** affecting:
 - (i) the decision to award the grant or
 - (ii) compliance with requirements under the Agreement.

19.4 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 20 — RECORD-KEEPING

20.1 Keeping records and supporting documents

The beneficiaries must — at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6) — keep records and other supporting documents to prove the proper implementation of the action (proper implementation of the work and/or achievement of the results as described in Annex 1) in line with the accepted standards in the respective field (if any); beneficiaries do not need to keep specific records on the actual costs incurred.

The records and supporting documents must be made available upon request (see Article 19) or in the context of checks, reviews, audits or investigations (see Article 25).

If there are on-going checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims under the Agreement (including the extension of findings; see Article 25), the beneficiaries must keep these records and other supporting documentation until the end of these procedures.

The beneficiaries must keep the original documents. Digital and digitalised documents are considered

originals if they are authorised by the applicable national law. The granting authority may accept non-original documents if they offer a comparable level of assurance.

20.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, lump sum contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 21 — REPORTING

21.1 Continuous reporting

The beneficiaries must continuously report on the progress of the action (e.g. **deliverables, milestones, outputs/outcomes, critical risks, indicators**, etc; if any), in the Portal Continuous Reporting tool and in accordance with the timing and conditions it sets out (as agreed with the granting authority).

Standardised deliverables (e.g. progress reports not linked to payments, reports on cumulative expenditure, special reports, etc; if any) must be submitted using the templates published on the Portal.

21.2 Periodic reporting: Technical reports and financial statements

In addition, the beneficiaries must provide reports to request payments, in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2):

- for additional prefinancings (if any): **an additional prefinancing report**
- for interim payments (if any) and the final payment: a **periodic report**

The prefinancing and periodic reports include a technical and financial part.

The technical part includes an overview of the action implementation. It must be prepared using the template available in the Portal Periodic Reporting tool.

The financial part of the additional prefinancing report includes a statement on the use of the previous prefinancing payment.

The financial part of the periodic report includes:

- the financial statement (consolidated statement for the consortium)
- the explanation on the use of resources (or detailed cost reporting table): not applicable
- the certificates on the financial statements (CFS): not applicable.

The **financial statement** must contain the lump sum contributions indicated in Annex 2, for the work packages that were completed during the reporting period.

For the last reporting period, the beneficiaries may exceptionally also declare partial lump sum

contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to force majeure or technical impossibility).

Lump sum contributions which are not declared in a financial statement will not be taken into account by the granting authority.

By signing the financial statement (directly in the Portal Periodic Reporting tool), the coordinator confirms (on behalf of the consortium) that:

- the information provided is complete, reliable and true
- the lump sum contributions declared are eligible (in particular, the work packages have been completed, that the work has been properly implemented and/or the results were achieved in accordance with Annex 1; see Article 6)
- the proper implementation and/or achievement can be substantiated by adequate records and supporting documents (see Article 20) that will be produced upon request (see Article 19) or in the context of checks, reviews, audits and investigations (see Article 25).

In case of recoveries (see Article 22), beneficiaries will be held responsible also for the lump sum contributions declared for their affiliated entities (if any).

21.3 Currency for financial statements and conversion into euros

The financial statements must be drafted in euro.

21.4 Reporting language

The reporting must be in the language of the Agreement, unless otherwise agreed with the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

21.5 Consequences of non-compliance

If a report submitted does not comply with this Article, the granting authority may suspend the payment deadline (see Article 29) and apply other measures described in Chapter 5.

If the coordinator breaches its reporting obligations, the granting authority may terminate the grant or the coordinator's participation (see Article 32) or apply other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 22 — PAYMENTS AND RECOVERIES — CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS DUE

22.1 Payments and payment arrangements

Payments will be made in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

They will be made in euro to the bank account indicated by the coordinator (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2) and must be distributed without unjustified delay (restrictions may apply to distribution of the initial prefinancing payment; see Data Sheet, Point 4.2).

Payments to this bank account will discharge the granting authority from its payment obligation.

The cost of payment transfers will be borne as follows:

- the granting authority bears the cost of transfers charged by its bank
- the beneficiary bears the cost of transfers charged by its bank
- the party causing a repetition of a transfer bears all costs of the repeated transfer.

Payments by the granting authority will be considered to have been carried out on the date when they are debited to its account.

22.2 Recoveries

Recoveries will be made, if — at beneficiary termination, final payment or afterwards — it turns out that the granting authority has paid too much and needs to recover the amounts undue.

The general liability regime for recoveries (first-line liability) is as follows: At final payment, the coordinator will be fully liable for recoveries, even if it has not been the final recipient of the undue amounts. At beneficiary termination or after final payment, recoveries will be made directly against the beneficiaries concerned.

Beneficiaries will be fully liable for repaying the debts of their affiliated entities.

In case of enforced recoveries (see Article 22.4):

- the beneficiaries will be jointly and severally liable for repaying debts of another beneficiary under the Agreement (including late-payment interest), if required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.4)
- affiliated entities will be held liable for repaying debts of their beneficiaries under the Agreement (including late-payment interest), if required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.4).

22.3 Amounts due

22.3.1 Prefinancing payments

The aim of the prefinancing is to provide the beneficiaries with a float.

It remains the property of the EU until the final payment.

For **initial prefinancings** (if any), the amount due, schedule and modalities are set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

For **additional prefinancings** (if any), the amount due, schedule and modalities are also set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2). However, if the statement on the use of the previous prefinancing payment shows that less than 70% was used, the amount set out in the Data Sheet will be reduced by the difference between the 70% threshold and the amount used.

Prefinancing payments (or parts of them) may be offset (without the beneficiaries' consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency,

offsetting may also be done against amounts owed to other Commission services or executive agencies.

Payments will not be made if the payment deadline or payments are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30).

22.3.2 Amount due at beneficiary termination — Recovery

In case of beneficiary termination, the granting authority will determine the provisional amount due for the beneficiary concerned.

This will be done on the basis of work packages already completed in previous interim payments. Payments for ongoing/not yet completed work packages which the beneficiary was working on before termination (if any) will therefore be made only later on, with the next interim or final payments when those work packages have been completed.

The **amount due** will be calculated in the following step:

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

The granting authority will first calculate the ‘accepted EU contribution’ for the beneficiary, on the basis of the beneficiary’s lump sum contributions for the work packages which were approved in previous interim payments.

After that, the granting authority will take into account grant reductions (if any). The resulting amount is the ‘total accepted EU contribution’ for the beneficiary.

The **balance** is then calculated by deducting the payments received (if any; see report on the distribution of payments in Article 32), from the total accepted EU contribution:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary} \\ \text{minus} \\ \text{prefinancing and interim payments received (if any)} \end{array} \right\}.$$

If the balance is **negative**, it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

The granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to recover, the amount due, the amount to be recovered and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If no observations are submitted (or the granting authority decides to pursue recovery despite the observations it has received), it will confirm the amount to be recovered and ask this amount to be paid to the coordinator (**confirmation letter**).

22.3.3 Interim payments

Interim payments reimburse the eligible lump sum contributions claimed for work packages implemented during the reporting periods (if any).

Interim payments (if any) will be made in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

Payment is subject to the approval of the periodic report and the work packages declared. Their approval does not imply recognition of compliance, authenticity, completeness or correctness of their content.

Incomplete work packages and work packages that have not been delivered or cannot be approved will be rejected (see Article 27).

The **interim payment** will be calculated by the granting authority in the following steps:

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

Step 2 — Limit to the interim payment ceiling

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

The granting authority will first calculate the ‘accepted EU contribution’ for the action for the reporting period, by calculating the lump sum contributions for the approved work packages.

After that, the granting authority will take into account grant reductions from beneficiary termination (if any). The resulting amount is the ‘total accepted EU contribution’.

Step 2 — Limit to the interim payment ceiling

The resulting amount is then capped to ensure that the total amount of prefinancing and interim payments (if any) does not exceed the interim payment ceiling set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

Interim payments (or parts of them) may be offset (without the beneficiaries’ consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, offsetting may also be done against amounts owed to other Commission services or executive agencies.

Payments will not be made if the payment deadline or payments are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30).

22.3.4 Final payment — Final grant amount — Revenues and Profit — Recovery

The final payment (payment of the balance) reimburses the remaining eligible lump sum contributions claimed for the implemented work packages (if any).

The final payment will be made in accordance with the schedule and modalities set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 4.2).

Payment is subject to the approval of the final periodic report and the work packages declared. Their approval does not imply recognition of compliance, authenticity, completeness or correctness of their content.

Work packages (or parts of them) that have not been delivered or cannot be approved will be rejected (see Article 27).

The **final grant amount for the action** will be calculated in the following steps:

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

Step 2 — Limit to the maximum grant amount

Step 3 — Reduction due to the no-profit rule

Step 1 — Calculation of the total accepted EU contribution

The granting authority will first calculate the ‘accepted EU contribution’ for the action for all reporting periods, by calculating the lump sum contributions for the approved work packages.

After that, the granting authority will take into account grant reductions (if any). The resulting amount is the ‘total accepted EU contribution’.

Step 2 — Limit to the maximum grant amount

Not applicable

Step 3 — Reduction due to the no-profit rule

Not applicable

The **balance** (final payment) is then calculated by deducting the total amount of prefinancing and interim payments already made (if any), from the final grant amount:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\text{final grant amount} \\ & \text{minus} \\ & \{\text{prefinancing and interim payments made (if any)}\} \}. \end{aligned}$$

If the balance is **positive**, it will be **paid** to the coordinator.

The final payment (or part of it) may be offset (without the beneficiaries’ consent) against amounts owed by a beneficiary to the granting authority — up to the amount due to that beneficiary.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, offsetting may also be done against amounts owed to other Commission services or executive agencies.

Payments will not be made if the payment deadline or payments are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30).

If the balance is **negative**, it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

The granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator:

- formally notifying the intention to recover, the final grant amount, the amount to be recovered and the reasons why

- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If no observations are submitted (or the granting authority decides to pursue recovery despite the observations it has received), it will confirm the amount to be recovered (**confirmation letter**), together with a **debit note** with the terms and date for payment.

If payment is not made by the date specified in the debit note, the granting authority will **enforce recovery** in accordance with Article 22.4.

22.3.5 Audit implementation after final payment — Revised final grant amount — Recovery

If — after the final payment (in particular, after checks, reviews, audits or investigations; see Article 25) — the granting authority rejects lump sum contributions (see Article 27) or reduces the grant (see Article 28), it will calculate the **revised final grant amount** for the beneficiary concerned.

The **beneficiary revised final grant amount** will be calculated in the following step:

Step 1 — Calculation of the revised total accepted EU contribution

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The granting authority will first calculate the ‘revised accepted EU contribution’ for the beneficiary, by calculating the ‘revised accepted contributions’.

After that, it will take into account grant reductions (if any). The resulting ‘revised total accepted EU contribution’ is the beneficiary revised final grant amount.

If the revised final grant amount is lower than the beneficiary’s final grant amount (i.e. its share in the final grant amount for the action), it will be **recovered** in accordance with the following procedure:

The **beneficiary final grant amount** (i.e. share in the final grant amount for the action) is calculated as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{\{total accepted EU contribution for the beneficiary} \\ \text{divided by} \\ \text{total accepted EU contribution for the action\}} \\ \text{multiplied by} \\ \text{final grant amount for the action\}}. \end{array} \right.$$

The granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to recover, the amount to be recovered and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If no observations are submitted (or the granting authority decides to pursue recovery despite the observations it has received), it will confirm the amount to be recovered (**confirmation letter**), together with a **debit note** with the terms and the date for payment.

Recoveries against affiliated entities (if any) will be handled through their beneficiaries.

If payment is not made by the date specified in the debit note, the granting authority will **enforce recovery** in accordance with Article 22.4.

22.4 Enforced recovery

If payment is not made by the date specified in the debit note, the amount due will be recovered:

- (a) by offsetting the amount — without the coordinator or beneficiary's consent — against any amounts owed to the coordinator or beneficiary by the granting authority.

In exceptional circumstances, to safeguard the EU financial interests, the amount may be offset before the payment date specified in the debit note.

For grants where the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, debts may also be offset against amounts owed by other Commission services or executive agencies.

- (b) by drawing on the financial guarantee(s) (if any)
- (c) by holding other beneficiaries jointly and severally liable (if any; see Data Sheet, Point 4.4)
- (d) by holding affiliated entities jointly and severally liable (if any, see Data Sheet, Point 4.4)
- (e) by taking legal action (see Article 43) or, provided that the granting authority is the European Commission or an EU executive agency, by adopting an enforceable decision under Article 299 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 100(2) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

The amount to be recovered will be increased by **late-payment interest** at the rate set out in Article 23.5, from the day following the payment date in the debit note, up to and including the date the full payment is received.

Partial payments will be first credited against expenses, charges and late-payment interest and then against the principal.

Bank charges incurred in the recovery process will be borne by the beneficiary, unless Directive 2015/2366¹⁵ applies.

For grants where the granting authority is an EU executive agency, enforced recovery by offsetting or enforceable decision will be done by the services of the European Commission (see also Article 43).

22.5 Consequences of non-compliance

22.5.1 If the granting authority does not pay within the payment deadlines (see above), the beneficiaries are entitled to **late-payment interest** at the reference rate applied by the European Central Bank (ECB) for its main refinancing operations in euros, plus the percentage specified in the Data Sheet (Point 4.2). The ECB reference rate to be used is the rate in force on the first day of the

¹⁵ Directive (EU) 2015/2366 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on payment services in the internal market, amending Directives 2002/65/EC, 2009/110/EC and 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, and repealing Directive 2007/64/EC (OJ L 337, 23.12.2015, p. 35).

month in which the payment deadline expires, as published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

If the late-payment interest is lower than or equal to EUR 200, it will be paid to the coordinator only on request submitted within two months of receiving the late payment.

Late-payment interest is not due if all beneficiaries are EU Member States (including regional and local government authorities or other public bodies acting on behalf of a Member State for the purpose of this Agreement).

If payments or the payment deadline are suspended (see Articles 29 and 30), payment will not be considered as late.

Late-payment interest covers the period running from the day following the due date for payment (see above), up to and including the date of payment.

Late-payment interest is not considered for the purposes of calculating the final grant amount.

22.5.2 If the coordinator breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced (see Article 28) and the grant or the coordinator may be terminated (see Article 32).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 23 — GUARANTEES

23.1 Prefinancing guarantee

If required by the granting authority (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2), the beneficiaries must provide (one or more) prefinancing guarantee(s) in accordance with the timing and the amounts set out in the Data Sheet.

The coordinator must submit them to the granting authority in due time before the prefinancing they are linked to.

The guarantees must be drawn up using the template published on the Portal and fulfil the following conditions:

- (a) be provided by a bank or approved financial institution established in the EU or — if requested by the coordinator and accepted by the granting authority — by a third party or a bank or financial institution established outside the EU offering equivalent security
- (b) the guarantor stands as first-call guarantor and does not require the granting authority to first have recourse against the principal debtor (i.e. the beneficiary concerned) and
- (c) remain explicitly in force until the final payment and, if the final payment takes the form of a recovery, until five months after the debit note is notified to a beneficiary.

They will be released within the following month.

23.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If the beneficiaries breach their obligation to provide the prefinancing guarantee, the prefinancing will not be paid.

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 24 — CERTIFICATES

Not applicable

ARTICLE 25 — CHECKS, REVIEWS, AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS — EXTENSION OF FINDINGS

25.1 Granting authority checks, reviews and audits

25.1.1 Internal checks

The granting authority may — during the action or afterwards — check the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement, including assessing lump sum contributions, deliverables and reports.

25.1.2 Project reviews

The granting authority may carry out reviews on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement (general project reviews or specific issues reviews).

Such project reviews may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

If needed, the granting authority may be assisted by independent, outside experts. If it uses outside experts, the coordinator or beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information and data in addition to deliverables and reports already submitted. The granting authority may request beneficiaries to provide such information to it directly. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may be requested to participate in meetings, including with the outside experts.

For **on-the-spot visits**, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including to the outside experts) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the review findings, a **project review report** will be drawn up.

The granting authority will formally notify the project review report to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations.

Project reviews (including project review reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

25.1.3 Audits

The granting authority may carry out audits on the proper implementation of the action and compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

Such audits may be started during the implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the beneficiary concerned and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

The granting authority may use its own audit service, delegate audits to a centralised service or use external audit firms. If it uses an external firm, the beneficiary concerned will be informed and have the right to object on grounds of commercial confidentiality or conflict of interest.

The beneficiary concerned must cooperate diligently and provide — within the deadline requested — any information (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data) to verify compliance with the Agreement. Sensitive information and documents will be treated in accordance with Article 13.

For **on-the-spot** visits, the beneficiary concerned must allow access to sites and premises (including for the external audit firm) and must ensure that information requested is readily available.

Information provided must be accurate, precise and complete and in the format requested, including electronic format.

On the basis of the audit findings, a **draft audit report** will be drawn up.

The auditors will formally notify the draft audit report to the beneficiary concerned, which has 30 days from receiving notification to make observations (contradictory audit procedure).

The **final audit report** will take into account observations by the beneficiary concerned and will be formally notified to them.

Audits (including audit reports) will be in the language of the Agreement.

25.2 European Commission checks, reviews and audits in grants of other granting authorities

Where the granting authority is not the European Commission, the latter has the same rights of checks, reviews and audits as the granting authority.

25.3 Access to records for assessing simplified forms of funding

The beneficiaries must give the European Commission access to their statutory records for the periodic assessment of simplified forms of funding which are used in EU programmes.

25.4 OLAF, EPPO and ECA audits and investigations

The following bodies may also carry out checks, reviews, audits and investigations — during the action or afterwards:

- the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) under Regulations No 883/2013¹⁶ and No 2185/96¹⁷
- the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) under Regulation 2017/1939
- the European Court of Auditors (ECA) under Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 257 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

If requested by these bodies, the beneficiary concerned must provide full, accurate and complete information in the format requested (including complete accounts, individual salary statements or other personal data, including in electronic format) and allow access to sites and premises for on-the-spot visits or inspections — as provided for under these Regulations.

To this end, the beneficiary concerned must keep all relevant information relating to the action, at least until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (Point 6) and, in any case, until any ongoing checks, reviews, audits, investigations, litigation or other pursuits of claims have been concluded.

25.5 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations — Extension of findings

25.5.1 Consequences of checks, reviews, audits and investigations in this grant

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations carried out in the context of this grant may lead to rejections (see Article 27), grant reduction (see Article 28) or other measures described in Chapter 5.

Rejections or grant reductions after the final payment will lead to a revised final grant amount (see Article 22).

Findings in checks, reviews, audits or investigations during the action implementation may lead to a request for amendment (see Article 39), to change the description of the action set out in Annex 1.

Checks, reviews, audits or investigations that find systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or breach of obligations in any EU grant may also lead to consequences in other EU grants awarded under similar conditions ('extension to other grants').

Moreover, findings arising from an OLAF or EPPO investigation may lead to criminal prosecution under national law.

25.5.2 Extension from other grants

Findings of checks, reviews, audits or investigations in other grants may be extended to this grant, if:

- (a) the beneficiary concerned is found, in other EU grants awarded under similar conditions, to have committed systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant and
- (b) those findings are formally notified to the beneficiary concerned — together with the list of

¹⁶ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18/09/2013, p. 1).

¹⁷ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15/11/1996, p. 2).

grants affected by the findings — within the time-limit for audits set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6).

The granting authority will formally notify the beneficiary concerned of the intention to extend the findings and the list of grants affected.

If the extension concerns **rejections of lump sum contributions**: the notification will include:

- (a) an invitation to submit observations on the list of grants affected by the findings
- (b) the request to submit revised financial statements for all grants affected
- (c) the correction rate for extrapolation, established on the basis of the systemic or recurrent errors, to calculate the amounts to be rejected, if the beneficiary concerned:
 - (i) considers that the submission of revised financial statements is not possible or practicable or
 - (ii) does not submit revised financial statements.

If the extension concerns **grant reductions**: the notification will include:

- (a) an invitation to submit observations on the list of grants affected by the findings and
- (b) the **correction rate for extrapolation**, established on the basis of the systemic or recurrent errors and the principle of proportionality.

The beneficiary concerned has **60 days** from receiving notification to submit observations, revised financial statements or to propose a duly substantiated **alternative correction method/rate**.

On the basis of this, the granting authority will analyse the impact and decide on the implementation (i.e. start rejection or grant reduction procedures, either on the basis of the revised financial statements or the announced/alternative method/rate or a mix of those; see Articles 27 and 28).

25.6 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, lump sum contributions insufficiently substantiated will be ineligible (see Article 6) and will be rejected (see Article 27), and the grant may be reduced (see Article 28).

Such breaches may also lead to other measures described in Chapter 5.

ARTICLE 26 — IMPACT EVALUATIONS

26.1 Impact evaluation

The granting authority may carry out impact evaluations of the action, measured against the objectives and indicators of the EU programme funding the grant.

Such evaluations may be started during implementation of the action and until the time-limit set out in the Data Sheet (see Point 6). They will be formally notified to the coordinator or beneficiaries and will be considered to start on the date of the notification.

If needed, the granting authority may be assisted by independent outside experts.

The coordinator or beneficiaries must provide any information relevant to evaluate the impact of the action, including information in electronic format.

26.2 Consequences of non-compliance

If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the granting authority may apply the measures described in Chapter 5.

CHAPTER 5 CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

SECTION 1 REJECTIONS AND GRANT REDUCTION

ARTICLE 27 — REJECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

27.1 Conditions

The granting authority will — at interim payment, final payment or afterwards — reject any lump sum contributions which are ineligible (see Article 6), in particular following checks, reviews, audits or investigations (see Article 25).

The rejection may also be based on the extension of findings from other grants to this grant (see Article 25).

Ineligible lump sum contributions will be rejected.

27.2 Procedure

If the rejection does not lead to a recovery, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator or beneficiary concerned of the rejection, the amounts and the reasons why. The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may — within 30 days of receiving notification — submit observations if it disagrees with the rejection (payment review procedure).

If the rejection leads to a recovery, the granting authority will follow the contradictory procedure with pre-information letter set out in Article 22.

27.3 Effects

If the granting authority rejects lump sum contributions, it will deduct them from the lump sum contributions declared and then calculate the amount due (and, if needed, make a recovery; see Article 22).

ARTICLE 28 — GRANT REDUCTION

28.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at beneficiary termination, final payment or afterwards — reduce the grant for a beneficiary, if:

- (a) the beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) the beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5).

The amount of the reduction will be calculated for each beneficiary concerned and proportionate to the seriousness and the duration of the errors, irregularities or fraud or breach of obligations, by applying an individual reduction rate to their accepted EU contribution.

28.2 Procedure

If the grant reduction does not lead to a recovery, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator or beneficiary concerned of the reduction, the amount to be reduced and the reasons why. The coordinator or beneficiary concerned may — within 30 days of receiving notification — submit observations if it disagrees with the reduction (payment review procedure).

If the grant reduction leads to a recovery, the granting authority will follow the contradictory procedure with pre-information letter set out in Article 22.

28.3 Effects

If the granting authority reduces the grant, it will deduct the reduction and then calculate the amount due (and, if needed, make a recovery; see Article 22).

SECTION 2 SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

ARTICLE 29 — PAYMENT DEADLINE SUSPENSION

29.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at any moment — suspend the payment deadline if a payment cannot be processed because:

- (a) the required report (see Article 21) has not been submitted or is not complete or additional information is needed
- (b) there are doubts about the amount to be paid (e.g. ongoing extension procedure, queries about eligibility, need for a grant reduction, etc.) and additional checks, reviews, audits or investigations are necessary, or

(c) there are other issues affecting the EU financial interests.

29.2 Procedure

The granting authority will formally notify the coordinator of the suspension and the reasons why.

The suspension will **take effect** the day the notification is sent.

If the conditions for suspending the payment deadline are no longer met, the suspension will be **lifted** — and the remaining time to pay (see Data Sheet, Point 4.2) will resume.

If the suspension exceeds two months, the coordinator may request the granting authority to confirm if the suspension will continue.

If the payment deadline has been suspended due to the non-compliance of the report and the revised report is not submitted (or was submitted but is also rejected), the granting authority may also terminate the grant or the participation of the coordinator (see Article 32).

ARTICLE 30 — PAYMENT SUSPENSION

30.1 Conditions

The granting authority may — at any moment — suspend payments, in whole or in part for one or more beneficiaries, if:

- (a) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed or is suspected of having committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5).

If payments are suspended for one or more beneficiaries, the granting authority will make partial payment(s) for the part(s) not suspended. If suspension concerns the final payment, the payment (or recovery) of the remaining amount after suspension is lifted will be considered to be the payment that closes the action.

30.2 Procedure

Before suspending payments, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to suspend payments and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the suspension (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

At the end of the suspension procedure, the granting authority will also inform the coordinator.

The suspension will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent.

If the conditions for resuming payments are met, the suspension will be **lifted**. The granting authority will formally notify the beneficiary concerned (and the coordinator) and set the suspension end date.

During the suspension, no prefinancing will be paid to the beneficiaries concerned. For interim payments, the periodic reports for all reporting periods except the last one (see Article 21) must not contain any financial statements from the beneficiary concerned (or its affiliated entities). The coordinator must include them in the next periodic report after the suspension is lifted or — if suspension is not lifted before the end of the action — in the last periodic report.

ARTICLE 31 — GRANT AGREEMENT SUSPENSION

31.1 Consortium-requested GA suspension

31.1.1 Conditions and procedure

The beneficiaries may request the suspension of the grant or any part of it, if exceptional circumstances — in particular *force majeure* (see Article 35) — make implementation impossible or excessively difficult.

The coordinator must submit a request for **amendment** (see Article 39), with:

- the reasons why
- the date the suspension takes effect; this date may be before the date of the submission of the amendment request and
- the expected date of resumption.

The suspension will **take effect** on the day specified in the amendment.

Once circumstances allow for implementation to resume, the coordinator must immediately request another **amendment** of the Agreement to set the suspension end date, the resumption date (one day after suspension end date), extend the duration and make other changes necessary to adapt the action to the new situation (see Article 39) — unless the grant has been terminated (see Article 32). The suspension will be **lifted** with effect from the suspension end date set out in the amendment. This date may be before the date of the submission of the amendment request.

During the suspension, no prefinancing will be paid. Moreover, no work may be done. Ongoing work packages must be interrupted and no new work packages may be started.

31.2 EU-initiated GA suspension

31.2.1 Conditions

The granting authority may suspend the grant or any part of it, if:

- (a) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed or is suspected of having committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.), or
- (b) a beneficiary (or a person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5)
- (c) other:
 - (i) linked action issues: not applicable
 - (ii) additional GA suspension grounds: not applicable.

31.2.2 Procedure

Before suspending the grant, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator:

- formally notifying the intention to suspend the grant and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the suspension (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

The suspension will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent (or on a later date specified in the notification).

Once the conditions for resuming implementation of the action are met, the granting authority will formally notify the coordinator a **lifting of suspension letter**, in which it will set the suspension end date and invite the coordinator to request an amendment of the Agreement to set the resumption date (one day after suspension end date), extend the duration and make other changes necessary to adapt the action to the new situation (see Article 39) — unless the grant has been terminated (see Article 32). The suspension will be **lifted** with effect from the suspension end date set out in the lifting of suspension letter. This date may be before the date on which the letter is sent.

During the suspension, no prefinancing will be paid. Moreover, no work may be done. Ongoing work packages must be interrupted and no new work packages may be started.

The beneficiaries may not claim damages due to suspension by the granting authority (see Article 33).

Grant suspension does not affect the granting authority's right to terminate the grant or a beneficiary (see Article 32) or reduce the grant (see Article 28).

ARTICLE 32 — GRANT AGREEMENT OR BENEFICIARY TERMINATION

32.1 Consortium-requested GA termination

32.1.1 Conditions and procedure

The beneficiaries may request the termination of the grant.

The coordinator must submit a request for **amendment** (see Article 39), with:

- the reasons why
- the date the consortium ends work on the action ('end of work date') and
- the date the termination takes effect ('termination date'); this date must be after the date of the submission of the amendment request.

The termination will **take effect** on the termination date specified in the amendment.

If no reasons are given or if the granting authority considers the reasons do not justify termination, it may consider the grant terminated improperly.

32.1.2 Effects

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit a **periodic report** (for the open reporting period until termination).

The granting authority will calculate the final grant amount and final payment on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the lump sum contributions for activities implemented before the end of work date (see Article 22). Partial lump sum contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to technical reasons) may exceptionally be taken into account.

If the granting authority does not receive the report within the deadline, only lump sum contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

Improper termination may lead to a grant reduction (see Article 28).

After termination, the beneficiaries' obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

32.2 Consortium-requested beneficiary termination

32.2.1 Conditions and procedure

The coordinator may request the termination of the participation of one or more beneficiaries, on request of the beneficiary concerned or on behalf of the other beneficiaries.

The coordinator must submit a request for **amendment** (see Article 39), with:

- the reasons why
- the opinion of the beneficiary concerned (or proof that this opinion has been requested in writing)
- the date the beneficiary ends work on the action ('end of work date')
- the date the termination takes effect ('termination date'); this date must be after the date of the submission of the amendment request.

If the termination concerns the coordinator and is done without its agreement, the amendment request must be submitted by another beneficiary (acting on behalf of the consortium).

The termination will **take effect** on the termination date specified in the amendment.

If no information is given or if the granting authority considers that the reasons do not justify termination, it may consider the beneficiary to have been terminated improperly.

32.2.2 Effects

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit:

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned
- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work
- (iii) a second **request for amendment** (see Article 39) with other amendments needed (e.g. reallocation of the tasks and the estimated budget of the terminated beneficiary; addition of a new beneficiary to replace the terminated beneficiary; change of coordinator, etc.).

The granting authority will calculate the amount due to the beneficiary on the basis of the reports submitted in previous interim payments (i.e. beneficiary's lump sum contributions for completed and approved work packages).

Lump sum contributions for ongoing/not yet completed work packages will have to be included in the periodic report for the next reporting periods when those work packages have been completed.

If the granting authority does not receive the report on the distribution of payments within the deadline, it will consider that:

- the coordinator did not distribute any payment to the beneficiary concerned and that
- the beneficiary concerned must not repay any amount to the coordinator.

If the second request for amendment is accepted by the granting authority, the Agreement is **amended** to introduce the necessary changes (see Article 39).

If the second request for amendment is rejected by the granting authority (because it calls into question the decision awarding the grant or breaches the principle of equal treatment of applicants), the grant may be terminated (see Article 32).

Improper termination may lead to a reduction of the grant (see Article 31) or grant termination (see Article 32).

After termination, the concerned beneficiary's obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

32.3 EU-initiated GA or beneficiary termination

32.3.1 Conditions

The granting authority may terminate the grant or the participation of one or more beneficiaries, if:

- (a) one or more beneficiaries do not accede to the Agreement (see Article 40)
- (b) a change to the action or the legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation of a beneficiary is likely to substantially affect the implementation of the action or calls into question the decision to award the grant (including changes linked to one of the exclusion grounds listed in the declaration of honour)
- (c) following termination of one or more beneficiaries, the necessary changes to the Agreement (and their impact on the action) would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants
- (d) implementation of the action has become impossible or the changes necessary for its continuation would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants
- (e) a beneficiary (or person with unlimited liability for its debts) is subject to bankruptcy proceedings or similar (including insolvency, winding-up, administration by a liquidator or court, arrangement with creditors, suspension of business activities, etc.)
- (f) a beneficiary (or person with unlimited liability for its debts) is in breach of social security or tax obligations
- (g) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has been found guilty of grave professional misconduct
- (h) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed fraud, corruption, or is involved in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking

- (i) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) was created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin (or created another entity with this purpose)
- (j) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed:
 - (i) substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
 - (ii) serious breach of obligations under this Agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics or security rules (if applicable), etc.)
- (k) a beneficiary (or person having powers of representation, decision-making or control, or person essential for the award/implementation of the grant) has committed — in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions — systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant (extension of findings; see Article 25.5)
- (l) despite a specific request by the granting authority, a beneficiary does not request — through the coordinator — an amendment to the Agreement to end the participation of one of its affiliated entities or associated partners that is in one of the situations under points (d), (f), (e), (g), (h), (i) or (j) and to reallocate its tasks, or
- (m) other:
 - (i) linked action issues: not applicable
 - (ii) additional GA termination grounds: not applicable.

32.3.2 Procedure

Before terminating the grant or participation of one or more beneficiaries, the granting authority will send a **pre-information letter** to the coordinator or beneficiary concerned:

- formally notifying the intention to terminate and the reasons why and
- requesting observations within 30 days of receiving notification.

If the granting authority does not receive observations or decides to pursue the procedure despite the observations it has received, it will confirm the termination and the date it will take effect (**confirmation letter**). Otherwise, it will formally notify that the procedure is discontinued.

For beneficiary terminations, the granting authority will — at the end of the procedure — also inform the coordinator.

The termination will **take effect** the day after the confirmation notification is sent (or on a later date specified in the notification; ‘termination date’).

32.3.3 Effects

(a) for GA termination:

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit a **periodic report** (for the last open reporting period until termination).

The granting authority will calculate the final grant amount and final payment on the basis of the report submitted and taking into account the lump sum contributions for activities implemented before termination takes effect (see Article 22). Partial lump sum contributions for work packages that were not completed (e.g. due to technical reasons) may exceptionally be taken into account.

If the grant is terminated for breach of the obligation to submit reports, the coordinator may not submit any report after termination.

If the granting authority does not receive the report within the deadline, only lump sum contributions which are included in an approved periodic report will be taken into account (no contributions if no periodic report was ever approved).

Termination does not affect the granting authority's right to reduce the grant (see Article 28) or to impose administrative sanctions (see Article 34).

The beneficiaries may not claim damages due to termination by the granting authority (see Article 33).

After termination, the beneficiaries' obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

(b) for beneficiary termination:

The coordinator must — within 60 days from when termination takes effect — submit:

- (i) a **report on the distribution of payments** to the beneficiary concerned
- (ii) a **termination report** from the beneficiary concerned, for the open reporting period until termination, containing an overview of the progress of the work
- (iii) a **request for amendment** (see Article 39) with any amendments needed (e.g. reallocation of the tasks and the estimated budget of the terminated beneficiary; addition of a new beneficiary to replace the terminated beneficiary; change of coordinator, etc.).

The granting authority will calculate the amount due to the beneficiary on the basis of the reports submitted in previous interim payments (i.e. beneficiary's lump sum contributions for completed and approved work packages).

Lump sum contributions for ongoing/not yet completed work packages will have to be included in the periodic report for the next reporting periods when those work packages have been completed.

If the granting authority does not receive the report on the distribution of payments within the deadline, it will consider that:

- the coordinator did not distribute any payment to the beneficiary concerned and that
- the beneficiary concerned must not repay any amount to the coordinator.

If the request for amendment is accepted by the granting authority, the Agreement is **amended** to introduce the necessary changes (see Article 39).

If the request for amendment is rejected by the granting authority (because it calls into question the decision awarding the grant or breaches the principle of equal treatment of applicants), the grant may be terminated (see Article 32).

After termination, the concerned beneficiary's obligations (in particular Articles 13 (confidentiality and security), 16 (IPR), 17 (communication, dissemination and visibility), 21 (reporting), 25 (checks, reviews, audits and investigations), 26 (impact evaluation), 27 (rejections), 28 (grant reduction) and 42 (assignment of claims)) continue to apply.

SECTION 3 OTHER CONSEQUENCES: DAMAGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

ARTICLE 33 — DAMAGES

33.1 Liability of the granting authority

The granting authority cannot be held liable for any damage caused to the beneficiaries or to third parties as a consequence of the implementation of the Agreement, including for gross negligence.

The granting authority cannot be held liable for any damage caused by any of the beneficiaries or other participants involved in the action, as a consequence of the implementation of the Agreement.

33.2 Liability of the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries must compensate the granting authority for any damage it sustains as a result of the implementation of the action or because the action was not implemented in full compliance with the Agreement, provided that it was caused by gross negligence or wilful act.

The liability does not extend to indirect or consequential losses or similar damage (such as loss of profit, loss of revenue or loss of contracts), provided such damage was not caused by wilful act or by a breach of confidentiality.

ARTICLE 34 — ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES

Nothing in this Agreement may be construed as preventing the adoption of administrative sanctions (i.e. exclusion from EU award procedures and/or financial penalties) or other public law measures, in addition or as an alternative to the contractual measures provided under this Agreement (see,

for instance, Articles 135 to 145 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046 and Articles 4 and 7 of Regulation 2988/95¹⁸).

SECTION 4 FORCE MAJEURE

ARTICLE 35 — FORCE MAJEURE

A party prevented by force majeure from fulfilling its obligations under the Agreement cannot be considered in breach of them.

‘Force majeure’ means any situation or event that:

- prevents either party from fulfilling their obligations under the Agreement,
- was unforeseeable, exceptional situation and beyond the parties’ control,
- was not due to error or negligence on their part (or on the part of other participants involved in the action), and
- proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising all due diligence.

Any situation constituting force majeure must be formally notified to the other party without delay, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.

The parties must immediately take all the necessary steps to limit any damage due to force majeure and do their best to resume implementation of the action as soon as possible.

CHAPTER 6 FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 36 — COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES

36.1 Forms and means of communication — Electronic management

EU grants are managed fully electronically through the EU Funding & Tenders Portal (‘Portal’).

All communications must be made electronically through the Portal in accordance with the Portal Terms and Conditions and using the forms and templates provided there (except if explicitly instructed otherwise by the granting authority).

Communications must be made in writing and clearly identify the grant agreement (project number and acronym).

Communications must be made by persons authorised according to the Portal Terms and Conditions. For naming the authorised persons, each beneficiary must have designated — before the signature of this Agreement — a ‘legal entity appointed representative (LEAR)’. The role and tasks of the LEAR are stipulated in their appointment letter (see Portal Terms and Conditions).

¹⁸ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1).

If the electronic exchange system is temporarily unavailable, instructions will be given on the Portal.

36.2 Date of communication

The sending date for communications made through the Portal will be the date and time of sending, as indicated by the time logs.

The receiving date for communications made through the Portal will be the date and time the communication is accessed, as indicated by the time logs. Formal notifications that have not been accessed within 10 days after sending, will be considered to have been accessed (see Portal Terms and Conditions).

If a communication is exceptionally made on paper (by e-mail or postal service), general principles apply (i.e. date of sending/receipt). Formal notifications by registered post with proof of delivery will be considered to have been received either on the delivery date registered by the postal service or the deadline for collection at the post office.

If the electronic exchange system is temporarily unavailable, the sending party cannot be considered in breach of its obligation to send a communication within a specified deadline.

36.3 Addresses for communication

The Portal can be accessed via the Europa website.

The address for paper communications to the granting authority (if exceptionally allowed) is the official mailing address indicated on its website.

For beneficiaries, it is the legal address specified in the Portal Participant Register.

ARTICLE 37 — INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The provisions in the Data Sheet take precedence over the rest of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.

Annex 5 takes precedence over the Terms and Conditions.

The Terms and Conditions take precedence over the Annexes other than Annex 5.

Annex 2 takes precedence over Annex 1.

ARTICLE 38 — CALCULATION OF PERIODS AND DEADLINES

In accordance with Regulation No 1182/71¹⁹, periods expressed in days, months or years are calculated from the moment the triggering event occurs.

The day during which that event occurs is not considered as falling within the period.

‘Days’ means calendar days, not working days.

¹⁹ Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1182/71 of the Council of 3 June 1971 determining the rules applicable to periods, dates and time-limits (OJ L 124, 8/6/1971, p. 1).

ARTICLE 39 — AMENDMENTS

39.1 Conditions

The Agreement may be amended, unless the amendment entails changes to the Agreement which would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

Amendments may be requested by any of the parties.

39.2 Procedure

The party requesting an amendment must submit a request for amendment signed directly in the Portal Amendment tool.

The coordinator submits and receives requests for amendment on behalf of the beneficiaries (see Annex 3). If a change of coordinator is requested without its agreement, the submission must be done by another beneficiary (acting on behalf of the other beneficiaries).

The request for amendment must include:

- the reasons why
- the appropriate supporting documents and
- for a change of coordinator without its agreement: the opinion of the coordinator (or proof that this opinion has been requested in writing).

The granting authority may request additional information.

If the party receiving the request agrees, it must sign the amendment in the tool within 45 days of receiving notification (or any additional information the granting authority has requested). If it does not agree, it must formally notify its disagreement within the same deadline. The deadline may be extended, if necessary for the assessment of the request. If no notification is received within the deadline, the request is considered to have been rejected.

An amendment **enters into force** on the day of the signature of the receiving party.

An amendment **takes effect** on the date of entry into force or other date specified in the amendment.

ARTICLE 40 — ACCESSION AND ADDITION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES

40.1 Accession of the beneficiaries mentioned in the Preamble

The beneficiaries which are not coordinator must accede to the grant by signing the accession form (see Annex 3) directly in the Portal Grant Preparation tool, within 30 days after the entry into force of the Agreement (see Article 44).

They will assume the rights and obligations under the Agreement with effect from the date of its entry into force (see Article 44).

If a beneficiary does not accede to the grant within the above deadline, the coordinator must — within

30 days — request an amendment (see Article 39) to terminate the beneficiary and make any changes necessary to ensure proper implementation of the action. This does not affect the granting authority's right to terminate the grant (see Article 32).

40.2 Addition of new beneficiaries

In justified cases, the beneficiaries may request the addition of a new beneficiary.

For this purpose, the coordinator must submit a request for amendment in accordance with Article 39. It must include an accession form (see Annex 3) signed by the new beneficiary directly in the Portal Amendment tool.

New beneficiaries will assume the rights and obligations under the Agreement with effect from the date of their accession specified in the accession form (see Annex 3).

Additions are also possible in mono-beneficiary grants.

ARTICLE 41 — TRANSFER OF THE AGREEMENT

In justified cases, the beneficiary of a mono-beneficiary grant may request the transfer of the grant to a new beneficiary, provided that this would not call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

The beneficiary must submit a request for **amendment** (see Article 39), with

- the reasons why
- the accession form (see Annex 3) signed by the new beneficiary directly in the Portal Amendment tool and
- additional supporting documents (if required by the granting authority).

The new beneficiary will assume the rights and obligations under the Agreement with effect from the date of accession specified in the accession form (see Annex 3).

ARTICLE 42 — ASSIGNMENTS OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT AGAINST THE GRANTING AUTHORITY

The beneficiaries may not assign any of their claims for payment against the granting authority to any third party, except if expressly approved in writing by the granting authority on the basis of a reasoned, written request by the coordinator (on behalf of the beneficiary concerned).

If the granting authority has not accepted the assignment or if the terms of it are not observed, the assignment will have no effect on it.

In no circumstances will an assignment release the beneficiaries from their obligations towards the granting authority.

ARTICLE 43 — APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

43.1 Applicable law

The Agreement is governed by the applicable EU law, supplemented if necessary by the law of Belgium.

Special rules may apply for beneficiaries which are international organisations (if any; see Data Sheet, Point 5).

43.2 Dispute settlement

If a dispute concerns the interpretation, application or validity of the Agreement, the parties must bring action before the EU General Court — or, on appeal, the EU Court of Justice — under Article 272 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).

For non-EU beneficiaries (if any), such disputes must be brought before the courts of Brussels, Belgium — unless an international agreement provides for the enforceability of EU court judgements.

For beneficiaries with arbitration as special dispute settlement forum (if any; see Data Sheet, Point 5), the dispute will — in the absence of an amicable settlement — be settled in accordance with the Rules for Arbitration published on the Portal.

If a dispute concerns administrative sanctions, offsetting or an enforceable decision under Article 299 TFEU (see Articles 22 and 34), the beneficiaries must bring action before the General Court — or, on appeal, the Court of Justice — under Article 263 TFEU.

For grants where the granting authority is an EU executive agency (see Preamble), actions against offsetting and enforceable decisions must be brought against the European Commission (not against the granting authority; see also Article 22).

ARTICLE 44 — ENTRY INTO FORCE

The Agreement will enter into force on the day of signature by the granting authority or the coordinator, depending on which is later.

SIGNATURES

For the coordinator

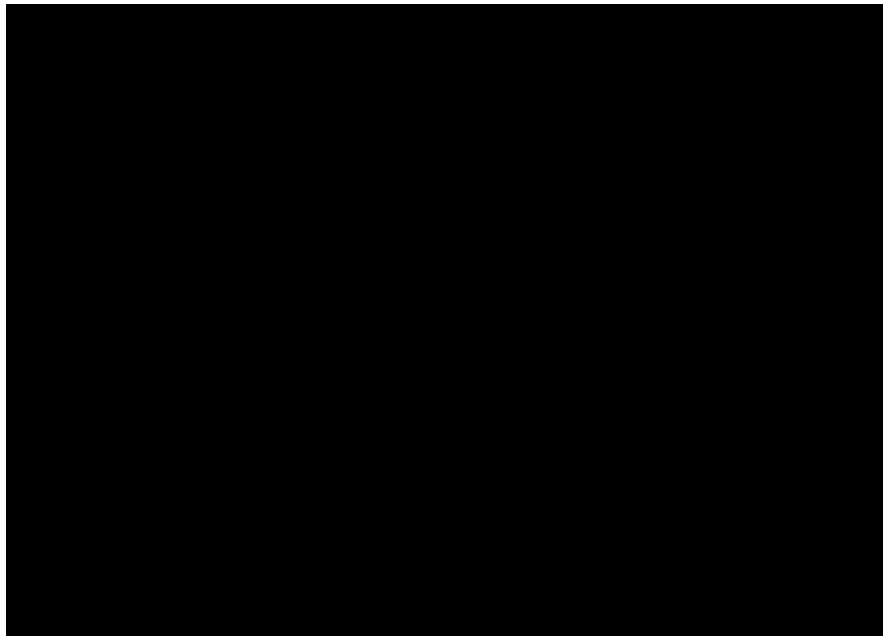
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For the granting authority

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ANNEX 1



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Description of the action (DoA)

Part A

Part B

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION (PART A)

COVER PAGE

Part A of the Description of the Action (DoA) must be completed directly on the Portal Grant Preparation screens.

PROJECT	
<i>Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Enter the info.</i>	
Project number:	101124871
Project name:	Support of implementation of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in VET curriculum design.
Project acronym:	EQAVET NRPCZ 2023-26
Call:	ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA
Topic:	ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA
Type of action:	ERASMUS-LS
Service:	EACEA/A/02
Project starting date:	fixed date: 1 September 2023
Project duration:	36 months

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary

Grant Preparation (General Information screen) — Provide an overall description of your project (including context and overall objectives, planned activities and main achievements, and expected results and impacts (on target groups, change procedures, capacities, innovation etc)). This summary should give readers a clear idea of what your project is about.

Use the project summary from your proposal.

The project responds to the current situation of further development of the Czech VET system towards accessible vocationally oriented learning regardless of the age of the learners and focuses on the use of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in processes of self-evaluation in the VET schools. An example of which NRP EQAVET CZ uses to apply the EQAVET quality assurance cycle is the creation of modularized school educational programmes. Revision of the framework of educational programmes and creation of the model school educational programmes is being prepared at the national level. The main objective (support VET providers in using the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes) emerged from the situation, which provides NPR EQAVET CZ with the opportunities to train VET schools and their social partners to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes and to provide feedback to the stakeholders at the national level. Concrete activities are described in WP1-WP5. The WP3 will map the conditions under which schools create their modularized school educational programmes and to offer VET schools a digitized self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning. During the WP4 NRP CZ will provide feedback from VET schools to stakeholders at the national level on the prototype model modularized school educational programmes and to learn representatives of 8 VET schools that already have an experience with modularization in education to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the creation of new modularized school educational programmes and to cooperate with social partners on evaluation of the modularly arranged school educational programmes. The peer review in WP5 aims to modularization in VET.

The project produces (WP2-WP5) 12 complex outputs.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS

Grant Preparation (Beneficiaries screen) — Enter the info.

Number	Role	Short name	Legal name	Country	PIC
1	COO	NPI ČR	NARODNI PEDAGOGICKY INSTITUT CESKE REPUBLIKY	CZ	948011653

LIST OF WORK PACKAGES

Work packages						
<i>Grant Preparation (Work Packages screen) — Enter the info.</i>						
Work Package No	Work Package name	Lead Beneficiary	Effort (Person-Months)	Start Month	End Month	Deliverables
WP1	Project management	1 - NPI ČR	578.00	1	36	D1.1 – Project report includes WPs report in midterm project duration D1.2 – Project Closure report (national level)
WP2	Communication and Dissemination	1 - NPI ČR	380.00	1	36	D2.1 – Report from campaign promoting D2.2 – Dissemination activities D2.3 – Updated website www.eqavet.cz
WP3	Modularisation of VET curricula	1 - NPI ČR	300.00	1	36	D3.1 – Database prototype for a self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning D3.2 – Report from the VET schools, that use educational modules or have a modularized school curriculum (their experiences) D3.3 – Case studies of functional and sustainability partnership by the creation of modularized school education programmes in VET schools
WP4	Evaluation of monitoring and curriculum design	1 - NPI ČR	272.00	5	36	D4.1 – Self-Evaluation reports of the partnerships (include 8 examples of the school action plans for the creation of modularized school educational programmes) D4.2 – Manual on using the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management of VET schools in the

Work packages						
<i>Grant Preparation (Work Packages screen) — Enter the info.</i>						
Work Package No	Work Package name	Lead Beneficiary	Effort (Person-Months)	Start Month	End Month	Deliverables
WP5	Peer Review	1 - NPI ČR	171.00	1	36	creation of modularized school educational programmes and its evaluation D4.3 – Methodological tools for stakeholders D5.1 – Self-assessment report D5.2 – Report and summary of the peer feedbacks D5.3 – Updated report on national quality assurance with emphasis on modularisation in VET

Work package WP1 – Project management

Work Package Number	WP1	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Work Package Name	Project management		
Start Month	1	End Month	36

Objectives

WP1 aims to ensure effective project management based on the logframe method and executing project management processes in accordance to the rules and procedures of NPI ČR, Ministry of education, Youth and Sports, financing authority as well as in line with procedures set by the call: ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA

Description

T1.1: Management team detailed work plan, key stakeholders map: Assignment of the team members to the tasks and activities, including the quality management personnel, internal and external experts, map of key stakeholders needs.
 T1.2: : Monitoring of the project execution will be done by regular project reports, project meetings minutes, and a checklist of the WP aims and project results. Detailed task monitoring will be maintained in MStems.
 T1.3 Evaluation: During the project implementation the goals of the quality management are: assessing and controlling project risk management, controlling project execution, tracking and reporting progress, analysing the results, monitoring their quality, monitoring of project milestones/results achievement, risks and actions to be taken to reduce the risks prevention + dealing with possible issues. Evaluation of the processes and outputs are part of the NPI ČR internal rules and EQAVET quality assurance cycle.
 T1.4 Financial management: As part of the financial management of the project, a detailed plan for the use of financial resources is established, checked, and updated with an overlap and link to the content and objectives of the project.
 T1.5 Reporting: Administration, fulfilment WPs, financial reporting will be performed every year for NPI ČR and in midterm of a project duration.

Work package WP2 – Communication and Dissemination

Work Package Number	WP2	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Work Package Name	Communication and Dissemination		
Start Month	1	End Month	36

Objectives

WP2 aims to mobilize a wide range of stakeholders at the national level to be involved in the preparation of model modularized school educational programmes, disseminate project outputs and transfer the feedback from abroad to the Czech Republic.

Communication and dissemination activities will be aimed at a wide range of VET providers and stakeholders and inconsistent with this communication and dissemination strategy (see part 3.2). As part of WP 2, information and promotional materials will be disseminated at the national level and in the regions at the project's events (events), or on selected events of key stakeholders (conferences/workshops/seminars), at fairs, through the personal participation of team members at the conferences or meetings abroad, through the project website, social networks of the NPI ČR, newsletters, etc.

Description

T 2.1: Project PR and communication and dissemination strategy: The document will contain information about the communication and dissemination strategy, target groups, and means of dissemination with a timeline. It will be also contain information about dissemination opportunities of the expected project outcomes.
 T2.2: Campaign promoting: The online promotion campaign is planned in 1Q 2024 to raise on impact of outputs from previous project and the advantages and demands of modularization in VET.

T2.3: Dissemination activities: Dissemination of project outputs in scholarly journal, press, Newsletters, social media NPI ČR, presentation of project outputs at conferences/seminars
Dissemination of project outputs through collaborating institutions, international and national networks or project partners (ČŠI, Czech National Agency for International Education and Research, other EQAVET National Reference Points, etc.

T2.4: Updates and upgrades of the EQAVET-NRP CZ website: The website will be regularly updated once a year.

Work package WP3 – Modularisation of VET curricula

Work Package Number	WP3	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Work Package Name	Modularisation of VET curricula		
Start Month	1	End Month	36

Objectives

WP3 aims to map the conditions under which schools create their modularized school educational programmes and to offer VET schools a digitized self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning.

NRP EQAVET CZ will establish cooperation with 14 VET schools from different regions that use educational modules or have experience with creating modularized school educational programmes (across all educational fields). From them, we will select 8 VET schools that meet the criteria of quality cooperation between VET schools and employers (so-called functional and sustainability partnership) and, using these examples, we will map in detail the conditions and requirements (8 case studies) for the creation of a modularized school educational programmes, including how they ensure the quality of the creation of a modularized school educational programme.

We will modify the tool for evaluating the conditions work-based learning standard, which was piloted within the EQAVET 2021-2023 project, into a digitized version of the self-evaluation tool. By modifying this tool and database prototype for self-evaluation WBL, we will create the conditions for the introduction of voluntary benchmarking of VET schools in work-based learning.

Description

T 3.1 Identify functional and sustainability partnership: Based on the secondary analysis of data from the survey (questionnaire) on cooperation between VET schools and employers we will identify functional and sustainability partnership (quality of cooperation between VET schools and employers)

T 3.2 Preparation of digitized self-evaluation tool for work-based learning: Modification of the standard for work-based learning into the form self-evaluation tool assessing work-based learning Database prototype for a self-evaluation tool, Upgraded website for to used self-evaluation of schools (WP2)

T3.3 Case studies of functional and sustainability partnerships by the creation of modularized school educational programmes in VET providers: Data collection for 8 case studies of functional and sustainability partnerships by the creation of modularized school educational program.

Work package WP4 – Evaluation of monitoring and curriculum design

Work Package Number	WP4	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Work Package Name	Evaluation of monitoring and curriculum design		
Start Month	5	End Month	36

Objectives

WP4 has two aims. One of them is to provide feedback from VET schools to stakeholders at the national level on the prototype model modularized school educational programmes. Second aim is to teach representatives of 8 VET schools that already have an experience with modularization in education to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the creation of new modularized school educational programmes and to cooperate with social partners on evaluation of the modularly arranged school educational programmes. Based

on the secondary analysis of data from a questionnaire survey on the topic of cooperation between VET schools and employers from 2023 within the EQAVET 2021-2023 project, we will identify functional and sustainable partnerships between VET schools and employers (D3.3 – case studies). During this WP it will be not involved in functional and sustainable partnerships only VET schools and employers, who have a contractual partnership with schools but it will be also open it's to other social partners of VET providers in the region (founder, representatives of employers, regional chambers of commerce, regional offices of the Czech School Inspectorate, branches of the Employment Office of the Czech Republic, trade unions, institutions of further adult education, universities, and other significant institutions of the region. These partnerships are the basic unit for peer learning to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the evaluation process of the modularly arranged school educational programmes of selected groups of education fields.

NRP CZ creates opportunities for the exchange and sharing of experience with the creation of modularized school educational programmes among 8 VET schools and other VET providers in the region, for the national level (6x meetings during the project), and opportunities for peer learning of partnerships members in the region on the use of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in evaluation modularly arranged school educational programmes (2 workshops per year).

Description

T4.1: Preparation of Self-evaluation report: Self-evaluation report from each school focusing on evaluation of modularized school educational programme.

T4.2: School action planning: School action plan from each school focusing on the use of the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the creation of modularized school educational programme and to evaluate them.

T4.3: Development of methodological tools for stakeholders: Workshops and meetings

Work package WP5 – Peer Review

Work Package Number	WP5	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Work Package Name	Peer Review		
Start Month	1	End Month	36

Objectives

Objective of WP 5 is to host one peer review at the system level focusing on modularization in VET and to participated in peer reviews hosted by other NPPs.

In view of the objective to reduce greenhouse emissions in the European Union the NRP EQAVET CZ will organise the peer review as an online event. NRP EQAVET CZ would like to invite peers (overall 8 people max) from Norway, Latvia, Netherlands and Slovakia to share their level of expertise in this topic.

NRP will invite few key stakeholders to participate in the peer review (two representatives of the Ministry of education, Youth and Sports and two representatives of schools testing the modular school educational programmes, key partner – Czech School Inspectorate and others). Information for the evaluation report will be collected from key stakeholders in spring 2025.

Czech NRP will follow the open-door principle.

Description

T 5.1 Preparation of Peer review (The first phase (5/2025 – 9/2025): Volunteers and peers are appointed and trained, Concept note is prepared, Self-assessment report is finalised

Briefing and training of peers)

T 5.2 Peer review meeting (The second phase (10/2025): Initial peer discussion, Peer review meeting in online format)

T 5.3 Peer feedback (The third phase (11-12/2025): Peer feedback, Report and summary of the peer feedback)



T 5.4 Follow-up (The fourth phase (12/2025 - 6/2026): Review of peer feedback, Designing the Action plan, Self-assessment of the impact of the peer review and evaluation of the Action plan (part of the D5.3)

T 5.5 Taking part in other peer reviews NPI ČR and NRP EQAVET experts are ready to participate as peers in max. 7 peer reviews of other NRPs (either face –to face or online, max. 2 reviewers in one peer review).

STAFF EFFORT

Staff effort per participant							
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Participant	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	Total Person-Months	
1 - NPI ČR	578.00	380.00	300.00	272.00	171.00	1701.00	
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D1.1	Project report includes WPs report in midterm project duration	WP1	1 - NPIČR	R — Document, report	SEN - Sensitive	18	
D1.2	Project Closure report (national level)	WP1	1 - NPIČR	R — Document, report	SEN - Sensitive	36	
D2.1	Report from campaign promoting	WP2	1 - NPIČR	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc	PU - Public	10	
D2.2	Dissemination activities	WP2	1 - NPIČR	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc	PU - Public	36	
D2.3	Updated website www.eqavet.cz	WP2	1 - NPIČR	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc	PU - Public	36	
D3.1	Database prototype for a self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning	WP3	1 - NPIČR	DEM — Demonstrator, pilot, prototype	SEN - Sensitive	16	
D3.2	Report from the VET schools, that use educational modules or have a modularized school curriculum (their experiences)	WP3	1 - NPIČR	R — Document, report	PU - Public	28	
D3.3	Case studies of functional and sustainability partnership by the creation of modularized school education programmes in VET schools	WP3	1 - NPIČR	R — Document, report	PU - Public	36	

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D4.2	Manual on using the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management of VET schools in the creation of modularized school educational programmes and its evaluation	WP4	1 - NPI ČR	R — Document, report	PU - Public	36
D4.3	Methodological tools for stakeholders	WP4	1 - NPI ČR	DEM — Demonstrator, pilot, prototype	PU - Public	36
D5.1	Self-assessment report	WP5	1 - NPI ČR	R — Document, report	SEN - Sensitive	26
D5.2	Report and summary of the peer feedbacks	WP5	1 - NPI ČR	R — Document, report	SEN - Sensitive	28
D5.3	Updated report on national quality assurance with emphasis on modularisation in VET	WP5	1 - NPI ČR	R — Document, report	PU - Public	35

Deliverable D1.1 – Project report includes WPs report in midterm project duration

Deliverable Number	D1.1	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Project report includes WPs report in midterm project duration		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	SEN - Sensitive
Due Date (month)	18	Work Package No	WP1

Description
Midterm report include fulfillment WPs and financial report – electronic format Czech language, English language

Deliverable D1.2 – Project Closure report (national level)

Deliverable Number	D1.2	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Project Closure report (national level)		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	SEN - Sensitive
Due Date (month)	36	Work Package No	WP1

Description
Final report include fulfillment WPs and financial report – electronic format Czech language

Deliverable D2.1 – Report from campaign promoting

Deliverable Number	D2.1	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Report from campaign promoting		
Type	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	10	Work Package No	WP2

Description
Online campaign Report – electronic format (SEN) Information and promotion campaign report containing statistics, results and recommendations Czech language

Deliverable D2.2 – Dissemination activities

Deliverable Number	D2.2	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Dissemination activities		
Type	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	36	Work Package No	WP2

Description
1 article published in the scholarly journal during the project 4 contributions/posters at the conferences during the project English language
2-3 popularization texts published per year on the project website or in printed format Czech language

Deliverable D2.3 – Updated website www.eqavet.cz

Deliverable Number	D2.3	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Updated website www.eqavet.cz		
Type	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	36	Work Package No	WP2

Description
Website updates will be reported in M12, M24 and M36 (website will be updated continuously) Czech language

Deliverable D3.1 – Database prototype for a self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning

Deliverable Number	D3.1	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Database prototype for a self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning		
Type	DEM — Demonstrator, pilot, prototype	Dissemination Level	SEN - Sensitive
Due Date (month)	16	Work Package No	WP3

Description
Upgrade website – new part for self-evaluation online tool and the database of the schools Czech language

Deliverable D3.2 – Report from the VET schools, that use educational modules or have a modularized school curriculum (their experiences)

Deliverable Number	D3.2	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Report from the VET schools, that use educational modules or have a modularized school curriculum (their experiences)		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	28	Work Package No	WP3

Description
Report – electronic format Czech language

Deliverable D3.3 – Case studies of functional and sustainability partnership by the creation of modularized school education programmes in VET schools

Deliverable Number	D3.3	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Case studies of functional and sustainability partnership by the creation of modularized school education programmes in VET schools		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	36	Work Package No	WP3

Description
Case studies – electronic format Czech language

Deliverable D4.1 – Self-Evaluation reports of the partnerships (include 8 examples of the school action plans for the creation of modularized school educational programmes)

Deliverable Number	D4.1	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Self-Evaluation reports of the partnerships (include 8 examples of the school action plans for the creation of modularized school educational programmes)		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	SEN - Sensitive
Due Date (month)	36	Work Package No	WP4

Description
Report – electronic format Czech language

Deliverable D4.2 – Manual on using the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management of VET schools in the creation of modularized school educational programmes and its evaluation

Deliverable Number	D4.2	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Manual on using the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management of VET schools in the creation of modularized school educational programmes and its evaluation		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	36	Work Package No	WP4

Description
Report – electronic format Czech language

Deliverable D4.3 – Methodological tools for stakeholders

Deliverable Number	D4.3	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
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Deliverable Name	Methodological tools for stakeholders		
Type	DEM — Demonstrator, pilot, prototype	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	36	Work Package No	WP4

Description
1x checklist of rules for the creation of model modularized school educational programmes at the national level 1x checklist of necessary conditions (in relation to educational leadership, cooperation between schools and employers and curriculum design including mechanisms for ensuring the quality of curriculum design) for the use of model modularized school educational programmes in VET schools Report – electronic format Czech language

Deliverable D5.1 – Self-assessment report

Deliverable Number	D5.1	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Self-assessment report		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	SEN - Sensitive
Due Date (month)	26	Work Package No	WP5

Description
Report – electronic format Czech language, English language

Deliverable D5.2 – Report and summary of the peer feedbacks

Deliverable Number	D5.2	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Report and summary of the peer feedbacks		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	SEN - Sensitive
Due Date (month)	28	Work Package No	WP5

Description
Report – electronic format Czech language, English language

Deliverable D5.3 – Updated report on national quality assurance with emphasis on modularisation in VET

Deliverable Number	D5.3	Lead Beneficiary	1. NPI ČR
Deliverable Name	Updated report on national quality assurance with emphasis on modularisation in VET		
Type	R — Document, report	Dissemination Level	PU - Public
Due Date (month)	35	Work Package No	WP5



Description
Report – electronic format Czech language, English language

LIST OF MILESTONES

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LIST OF CRITICAL RISKS

Critical risks & risk management strategy			
<i>Grant Preparation (Critical Risks screen) — Enter the info.</i>			
Risk number	Description	Work Package No(s)	Proposed Mitigation Measures
1	The risk of an increase in input prices due to inflation (in the area of salaries, wages, services, equipment) – high	WP2, WP1, WP4, WP5, WP3	Salaries are set within limits set by NPI CR so as not to cause staff to leave. Services and equipment costs are set within the limits set by NPI CR.
2	Changes in national priorities for the development of the VET system, VET legislation and changes in the priorities of cooperating stakeholders at the national level – medium	WP4, WP5, WP3	Communication with representatives of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, other important stakeholders at the national level and the management of the NPI CR.
3	The risk of meeting the schedule and the quality of project outputs implemented through public procurements – medium	WP2, WP1, WP3	The administration of public contracts is carried out by specialists within the institution (NPI CR), which will ensure adequate quality of services, thorough specification and its control, as well as the legal protection of the contracting authority included in the contract for the performance of public contracts.
4	Personnel changes in the project team – medium	WP2, WP1, WP4, WP5, WP3	Creation of an overview of the activities of individual job positions, including the expected professional competences regarding the substitutability of individual experts and the possibility of training new employees. Flexibility in creating and changing the project team. Dividing the project into several stages so that suitable experts can be found well in advance, or one expert can be used more than once
5	Risks arising from the current situation in Europe and at the national level (impacts of the war conflict in Ukraine, financial crisis, political instability) – low	WP4, WP5, WP3	Activities are planned in such a way that it is possible to respond flexibly to the given situation (i.e., using online/remote support tools).

Critical risks & risk management strategy			
<i>Grant Preparation (Critical Risks screen) — Enter the info.</i>			
Risk number	Description	Work Package No(s)	Proposed Mitigation Measures
6	Changes in management processes within the NPI ČR (methods of project management, human resources management, financial management in the institution) — low	WP1	Intensive communication with the management of the NPI ČR, with the "Project and process management support" department, with the "Networking, partnership and international relations" department
7	Low interest of the target group in project outputs — low	WP2, WP4, WP3	Targeted cooperation with key stakeholders in the given area, intensive cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, sufficient and targeted PR and communication activities, high quality of the support offered, recommendations for the optimal way of providing support so that there is a minimum burden especially on schools (online forms of support, appropriate distribution of activities, ...) depending on the situation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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- Part B is a narrative technical description of the project.

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (PART B)

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PROJECT	
Project name:	Support of implementation of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in VET curriculum design
Project acronym:	EQAVET NRPCZ 2023-26
Coordinator contact:	Lenka Hloušková, lenka.hlouskova@npi.cz National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic (NPI ČR), Department of VET curricula, career guidance and further education

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project summary (in English)

The project responds to the current situation of further development of the Czech VET system towards accessible vocationally oriented learning regardless of the age of the learners and focuses on the use of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in processes of self-evaluation in the VET schools. An example of which NRP EQAVET CZ uses to apply the EQAVET quality assurance cycle is the creation of modularized school educational programmes. Revision of the framework of educational programmes and creation of the model school educational programmes is being prepared at the national level. The main objective (support VET providers in using the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes) emerged from the situation, which provides NPR EQAVET CZ with the opportunities to train VET schools and their social partners to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes and to provide feedback to the stakeholders at the national level.

Concrete activities are described in WP1-WP5. The WP3 will map the conditions under which schools create their modularized school educational programmes and to offer VET schools a digitized self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning. During the WP4 NRP CZ will provide feedback from VET schools to stakeholders at the national level on the prototype model modularized school educational programmes and to learn representatives of 8 VET schools that already have an experience with modularization in education to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the creation of new modularized school educational programmes and to cooperate with social partners on evaluation of the modularly arranged school educational programmes. The peer review in WP5 aims to modularization in VET.

The project produces (WP2-WP5) 12 complex outputs.

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1. RELEVANCE

1.1 Background and general objectives

Background and general objectives

Please refer to the description foreseen in the Invitation to submit a proposal under the award criterion 'Relevance'.

Describe the background and rationale of the project.

How is the project relevant to the scope of the call? How does the project address the general objectives of the call? What is the project's contribution to the priorities of the call?

In the context of the transformation of the Czech VET system towards vocationally oriented learning, following the *Strategy for the education policy of the Czech Republic up to 2030+*, an innovative system of education fields is being implemented. The implementation of the innovative system of education fields responds to changes in the labour market and can be divided into two successive steps that take place at the national level. The first step is the revision of framework education programmes, which is followed by the creation of model school education programmes organized into modules. These model school educational programmes can be an inspiration for VET schools to create their own modularized school educational programs. Educational modules within C-VET and a modularized approach within I-VET have the potential to respond flexibly to changes in professional skills (acquisition, updating, deepening, specialization) required by the changing labour market. In the same way, they are a tool for the permeability of educational paths and can motivate adults to participate in education. In the Czech

Republic, VET providers (including VET schools) can use a modularized approach to curriculum creation (I-VET) as well as offer educational modules within C-VET, but the number of schools that use these options is minimal.

From the point of view of transforming the highly diversified I-VET system into accessible vocationally oriented learning, regardless of the age of the learners, the key is not only the cooperation of I-VET providers (VET schools) and employers, but also work with curriculum in schools, support the teachers' professional development and, last but not least, educational leadership. A manifestation of the high degree of autonomy of VET schools is not only the diversity in the cooperation between schools and employers but also the variability of curriculum designing and methods of evaluation and quality assurance when working with the curriculum in schools. The above-mentioned issues cause VET schools to react differently to changes in the labour market, and there is a real risk of significant disproportions between the learning outcomes VET school's graduates achieved and the occupational skills and competence required by rapidly changing labour markets (regional labour markets, globalized labour market).

One of the ways to improve the ability of the Czech VET system to respond flexibly to the changing demands of the labour market (EQAVET framework context indicator number 9) and to strengthen schools' confidence in assessing the quality is to **support VET providers in using the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes.**

Objective no 1 of the Call: Take concrete initiatives to implement and further develop the EQAVET Framework

- Based on feedback from VET providers using educational modules or teaching according to a modular school curriculum, NRP EQAVET CZ will prepare a checklist of rules focused on creation of model modularized school education programmes at the national level. NRP EQAVET CZ will also develop a checklist of necessary conditions (with focus on educational leadership, cooperation between schools and employers and curriculum design including mechanisms for ensuring the quality of curriculum design) for the use of model modularized school education programmes in schools (WP4).

Based on the principle of peer learning, NRP EQAVET CZ will support the training of representatives of 8 VET schools that have experience with modularization in education in the use of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the development of the new school education programme (WP4). **Objective no 2 of the Call: Inform and mobilise a wide range of stakeholders, to contribute to implementing the EQAVET Framework**

NRP EQAVET CZ is working towards the main goal of the project (to support VET schools in using the EQAVET quality assurance in the creation of modularized school educational programs) through informing and mobilizing a wide range of stakeholders by following:

- to inform various stakeholders at national and regional level about the benefits and demands of modularization in VET (WP2),
- to involve 8 VET schools with their social partners in the creation of model modularized school educational programs at the national level (WP4),
- to create opportunities for exchange and sharing of experience (good practice) with the creation of modularized school education programs between 8 VET schools and other VET providers in the region (WP4).
- to disseminate among other VET schools and their social partners the evaluated experience of 8 VET schools with the implementation of the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in the strategic management of schools (WP2, WP4). With this step, we want to strengthen the confidence of VET schools in the use of model modularized school education programmes and interest in creating their modularized school education programmes.

Objective no 3 of the Call: Support self-evaluation as a complementary and effective means of quality assurance to allow the measurement of success and the identification of areas for improvement, including with respect to digital readiness of VET systems and institutions

For VET schools to be able to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school education programmes, they must have at least one self-evaluation tool available, that will enable VET schools to identify those parts of modularized school education programmes in which schools will need to improve. For these purposes, we will modify the tool for evaluating the conditions of the work-based learning standard, which was piloted within the EQAVET 2021-2023 project, into an online version of the self-evaluation tool. By modifying this tool, we will create the conditions for the

introduction of voluntary benchmarking of VET schools in work-based learning (WP3).

Objective no 4 of the Call: Provide an updated description of the national quality assurance arrangements based on the EQAVET Framework

Based on long-term cooperation with 8 VET schools (WP3, WP4) and feedback obtained from peers (WP5), NRP EQAVET CZ will describe of measures on quality assurance in the creation of modularized school educational programmes at the national level (WP5).

Objective no 5 of the Call: Engage in EU level peer reviews of quality assurance to enhance the transparency and consistency of quality assurance arrangements, and to reinforce trust between the Member States

NRP EQAVET CZ will also support VET schools in the creation of modularized school educational programmes by involving NRP EQAVET CZ in a peer review on the topic of modularization in VET. NRP EQAVET CZ will provide creators of model modularized school education programmes at the national level and VET schools with feedback from peer review (WP5).

1.2 Needs analysis and specific objectives

Needs analysis and specific objectives

Please address the specific conditions set out in the Invitation to submit a proposal, if applicable.

Describe how the objectives of the project are based on a sound needs analysis in line with the specific objectives of the call. What issue/challenge/gap does the project aim to address? The objectives should be clear, measurable, realistic and achievable within the duration of the project. For each objective, define appropriate indicators for measuring achievement (including a unit of measurement, baseline value and target value).

Modularisation of the curriculum and the building of a larger share of instruction in cooperation with social partners can be one of the important elements leading to a transformation of Czech VET system to preferred scenario for the future – „cottage gardens” (Cedefop, 2021).

Model modularized school education programmes have created in accordance with the innovative system of education fields at the national level should be an inspiration for VET providers when creating own school education programmes. Currently, by the *Strategy for the education policy of the Czech Republic up to 2030+*, and the *Long-term plan for education and development of the educational system of the Czech Republic* that is being prepared, a revision of the framework educational programmes and creation of the model school education programmes is planned. However, it is not yet clear whether VET schools will be interested in using model school education programmes arranged in modules. On the contrary, one of the conclusions of the peer review, which took place within the EQAVET 2021-2023 (2022) project, is that VET schools face many obstacles that make it difficult to use educational modules and create a modularized VET. The creation of modularized school education programmes puts increased demands on teachers, school management, and the cooperation between VET schools and social partners, and it seems that the existing methodological support, which had been provided primarily within MOV project (see part 1.3), is insufficient. The high degree of autonomy of VET schools in the Czech Republic also contributes to the fact that significant disproportions can arise between schools that use or do not use educational modules/modularized VET, as well as between VET schools that use/do not use self-evaluation procedures or tools aimed at quality assurance. This situation calls for the need to stakeholders at the national level to prepare the conditions for the use of model school educational programmes organized in modules within the framework of I-VET and C-VET.

Main objective of the project: to learn VET schools and their social partners to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the creation of modularized school educational programmes.

Aims

- Map the current conditions under which schools create their modularized school educational programmes (WP3).
- To identify the conditions under which schools and their social partners will want to engage in school benchmarking (based on the use of at least one self-evaluation online tool). (WP3)
- Support peer learning of the representatives of 8 functional and sustainable partnerships (VET schools and their social partners), that already have an experience with modularization in

education to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools (WP4)

- Continuously raise the awareness of VET providers about the benefits and demands of modularization in VET (WP2) and transfer of experience and feedback from abroad to the Czech Republic (WP2, WP5).

One of the conditions for the use of model modularized school education programmes, which we focus on in this project, is the removal of barriers faced by VET schools when creating modularized school education programmes. This is done through communication, mutual learning and transfer of expert knowledge and experience from abroad to the Czech Republic, from the national level to schools and vice versa. The added value of this approach is that NRP EQAVET CZ will use selected examples of functional partnerships between VET schools and their social partners (good practice examples), to verify the setting of cooperation for the involvement of various groups of stakeholders (school management, teachers, employers, Czech School Inspectorate, NPI ČR, etc.) in quality assurance of modular school educational programmes.

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1.3 Complementarity with other actions and innovation — European added value

Complementarity with other actions and innovation

Explain how the project builds on the results of past activities carried out in the field, and describe its innovative aspects (if any). Explain how the activities are complementary to other activities carried out by other organisations (if applicable).

The project is related to the previous projects carried out in the NPI CR (**see Annex 1**). The project further develops outputs of the current EQAVET project (2021-2023): piloting the quality standard for WBL, survey on cooperation between VET schools and social partners, summary of the peer feedbacks and action plan from the peer review). The added value of the project EQAVET 2023-2026 is in piloting of digitized self-evaluation WBL tool for the purposes of modularized school education programmes and the emphasis is put on mutual learning between VET schools and other stakeholders at the national, regional (WP4) and international (WP5) level. It also develops the outputs of two system projects: **Modernization of vocational education (MOV)** co-funded from ESIF (2017-2020) and **Support of Action Planning (P- KAP)** co-funded from ESIF (2016-2021).

Within the **Modernization of Vocational Education (MOV)** project, various methodological materials (instructions, good practice examples, study texts) were created in order to support schools in the development of their own educational modules or in the use of educational modules prepared within the project. Educational modules are accessible to schools in the information system that is currently commonly used in schools. **Within the EQAVET project**, we plan to use the experience of the schools involved in the project on two levels: to get feedback on the existing educational modules and their creation, and to get feedback on the use of the information system in which the educational modules are available (WP3). Experiences from schools will be transferred and communicated (WP2) with relevant stakeholders at the national level, which will provide the creators of model modularized school education programs at the national level with valuable feedback, and within the EQAVET project we will receive incentives for innovation.

In the EQAVET project, we will build on the results of the **Support for regional action planning (P-KAP)** systemic project focused on support and development of strategic management. The P-KAP project transferred the model of strategic management and action planning to education at the regional and school level. Within the EQAVET project, we plan to use the infrastructure of the P-KAP project, through which it was possible to implement national priorities in I-VET at the level of regions and schools. The added value of the EQAVET project is the use of the school action plan (a strategic management and planning tool) to plan the creation of new modularized school educational programmes on which schools collaborate with their social partners (WP4).

The innovativeness of the EQAVET 2023-2026 project and its added European value lies in the implementation of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in the strategic management of schools in the conditions of a significantly diversified VET system and in the concretization of the planning phase from the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in change management at the national level (WP4, WP5).

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2. QUALITY

2.1 PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

2.1.1 Concept and methodology

Concept and methodology

Please address all guiding points presented in the Invitation to submit proposals under the award criterion 'Quality of the project design and implementation'.

Outline the approach and methodology behind the project. Explain why they are the most suitable for achieving the project's objectives.

The project will be implemented on the basis of the following rules (methodology), which will be applied both for the entire project, as well as for individual WPs. The project management will be based on the logical framework approach methodology (logframe). The logframe method is the project management method used in the NPI CR, and for the purposes of managing the EQAVET project. This methodology will be applied in all phases of the EQAVET project life cycle (initiating, project planning, executing, implementation, closing and evaluation) and will be used in order to achieve declared goals and outputs.

- The project outputs are formulated in the project application in relation to the project objectives. The project team members who are dedicated to the given WP are responsible for the delivery of individual outputs in the required time and quality.
- Project objectives are defined as a desired state in relation to the project's target groups (stakeholders, VET providers, social partners of VET schools). The individual objectives are fulfilled through the project outputs, which are partially transformed in accordance to the needs of the target groups.
- The objectives of the project fulfil the benefit of the project, which is defined at the level of strategic management of the project and NPI CR. The project manager is responsible for the alignment between the objectives and the benefit of the project.

In terms of the logframe project cycle, the EQAVET project will be managed through the following four steps:

1. Initiating

This step is aimed at laying down the foundation in order to achieve a successful project. During this stage, project manager will be creating the suite of management products required for the level of control (project plan, strategy for communication with relevant stakeholders etc). These products are in line with project proposal, strategic documents and national VET policy priorities and the situation (see also part, 1.1, 1.2).

2. Project planning

As part of project planning, a plan for the implementation of individual WPs will be prepared, including a schedule for the delivery of outputs. Planning and monitoring of eventual risks for individual WPs will be part of the risk management. From the point of view of quality management settings, the project outputs will be assessed and evaluated in cooperation with working groups within the NPI CR, VET experts (internal - within the NPI ČR and external) and key stakeholders (Czech Chamber of Commerce, Czech-Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions, etc.). As part of the planning stage, a responsibility matrix, a risk register, and the project status of the schedule will also be created.

3. Executing

Part of the project implementation is the project team coordination, compliance with the time schedule and performance management within each WP. As part of project management, there will be regular meetings of the entire project team and then of the work team at each WP. In case of implementation, there will be active cooperation with the target groups of the project (schools and social partners) and key stakeholders, from whom feedback on sub-activities and individual outputs of the project will be continuously collected and evaluated (communication with key stakeholders, feedback questionnaires for events/meetings, feedback report, self-assessment report, analytics on the website, responses to the project presentation, etc.). Monitoring and evaluation of project management and outputs will be based on internal procedures (see also part 2.2).

4. Closing

As part of the termination of activities on individual outputs and the entire project, primarily qualitative methods will be used (the resulting state will be assessed against the planned state, i.e., whether all set acceptance criteria have been met, evaluation of feedback) and partly also quantitative methods (analytics on websites, number of dissemination activities). This process also includes informing stakeholders, especially at the national level, about outputs and conclusions from feedback from the project's target groups. As part of the end of the project, a final report on the project will be prepared, which NRP EQAVET CZ will reflect the outputs from the evaluation of the project management and the evaluation of the project outputs.

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2.1.2 Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Please address the specific conditions set out in the Invitation to submit a proposal if applicable.

Describe the measures foreseen to ensure that the project implementation is of high quality and completed in time.

Describe the methods to ensure good quality, monitoring, planning and control. Describe the evaluation methods and indicators (quantitative and qualitative) to monitor and verify the outreach and coverage of the activities and results (including unit of measurement, baseline and target values). The indicators proposed to measure progress should be relevant, realistic and measurable.

Project management, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation strategy is concentrated in WP1. Within WP 1 and in accordance with the logframe methodology, planning of individual project activities, operational management of the project team, monitoring and control of work progress (personal staff, timetable, outputs delivery), ensuring safe conditions for the implementation of project activities through risk management, controlling costs, with the objectives of keeping expenditures within approved budget.

Project quality management (QM) will be ensured by the following processes:

1. Planning

Thanks to planning, the requirements and expectations of key stakeholders at the national level (including the NPI CR) are continuously monitored (creation of a map of stakeholders and their needs). Planning is a tool for the effective use of financial resources and supports cooperation between the project team, external experts and other stakeholders at the national and regional level.

2. Monitoring

The goal of monitoring is to monitor the relationship between the project team members and the quality of project outputs so that it is possible to evaluate the effectiveness of human resources of the project. For the purposes of monitoring, the project manager and the financial manager will use the methods and procedures introduced in the NPI ČR (personnel capacity planning, management by a responsible person, joint tenders, etc.).

3. Control

The control consists of measuring and comparing the project outputs specified in the project proposal with the objectives and benefits of the project.

The effectiveness of the funds spent in accordance with the project application and eco-friendly principles will be checked through processes within the NPI ČR and in cooperation with the auditor of the NPI ČR.

The project manager is responsible quality management of the project through all the project cycle and is responsible for enforcing monitoring and assessment of the project's quality. Project manager manages the activities of the project team in individual WPs as well as the dissemination of project outputs to the target groups, NPI CR management and key stakeholders at the national and regional level. Management at the level of individual WPs will take place based on continuous reporting by team members responsible for planned outputs. The team members responsible for outputs in individual WPs will report to the project manager on the status of the implementation of sub-tasks in accordance with the plan and timetable, share with him experience with the implementation of sub-tasks, escalate any risks to the project manager, cooperate with the project manager in reporting from the project, participate in the finalization of outputs and the final report from the project. Management of individual WPs will be implemented through team meetings and through online collaboration tools such as MS TEAMS, MIRO, etc.

Ensuring the quality of project outputs will take place according to the evaluation strategy described below for each output.

The evaluation of the outputs will be ensured in accordance with EQAVET (quality assurance cycle) through an internal evaluation within the project team and evaluation within two departments of the NPI ČR, the Department for Vocational Education and Training (VET), the Department of Career Guidance and Adult Education. The external evaluation will be provided by VET experts or VET platforms at the national and regional level. Colleagues from the EQAVET secretariat and other NRPs EQAVET will participate in ensuring the quality of outputs.

An evaluation method and a responsible person will be defined for each output. However, the basic method will be regular consultations of sub-activities with relevant VET experts within the NPI ČR, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and with representatives of the project's target groups. This will ensure compliance of the outputs with the strategic goals and priorities of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the needs of the target groups of the project, which is the basic criteria for the quality of each output. In case of inconsistency of the outputs with the needs of the target groups of the project, the form or scope of the individual outputs will be adjusted.

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2.1.3 Project teams, staff and experts

Project teams and staff			
<p><i>Describe the project teams and how they will work together to implement the project.</i></p> <p><i>List the staff included in the project budget (budget category A) by function/profile (e.g. project manager, senior expert/advisor/researcher, junior expert/advisor/researcher, trainers/teachers, technical personnel, administrative personnel etc. and describe shortly their tasks. If required by the call, provide CVs of all key actors</i></p>			
Name and function	Organisation	Role/tasks	Professional profile and expertise
Lenka Hloušková	NPI ČR	Project manager, senior expert (WP1, WP2, WP3, WP4, WP5),	School development and career guidance expert, research methodologist and analyst, project management
Barbora Anfilova Husová	NPI ČR	Senior expert (WP2, WP3, WP4)	VET expert, methodologist for the development of qualification and assessment standard
Tereza Halouzková	NPI ČR	Senior expert (WP2, WP4, WP5)	C-VET expert, action and strategic planning on the level of school authorities and secondary VET schools, lifelong learning, project management
Martina Kaňáková	NPI ČR	Senior expert (WP2, WP5)	ReferNet Czechia national coordinator, VET expert
Stanislav Michek	NPI ČR	Senior expert (WP2, WP3, WP4, WP5)	School self-evaluation and QA in VET expert, research methodologist and analyst
Jiřina Novotná	NPI ČR	Senior expert (WP2, WP3, WP4)	Curriculum design and monitoring expert, collaboration processes and techniques
Ondřej Suchý	NPI ČR	PR specialist (WP2, WP3)	IT methodologist and C-VET expert, website coordinator

Jiří Biskup	NPI ČR	PR specialist (WP2)	Webmaster and experienced graphic designer, online communication expert
Roman Řehák	NPI ČR	Administration (WP1)	Office project manager
Hana Procházková	NPI ČR	Financial administration (WP1)	Financial manager, accountancy expert

Outside resources (subcontracting, seconded staff etc)

If you do not have all skills/resources in-house, describe how you intend to get them (contributions of members, partner organisations, subcontracting, etc).

If there is subcontracting, please also complete the table in section 4.

The project will not use the services of subcontractors (as described in the Invitation to submit a proposal: ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA, under Section 13).

The following is an overview of the goods and services to be purchased within the project.

WP1 – travel costs, translations

WP2

- online promotion campaigns provision (technical part), graphical design service/proposals for website editing, print and supporting material creation (leaflets, posters etc.), promotional items,
- travel costs and registration fees (attending the European Conference on Educational Research (ECER)/2024, attending the European Network for Improving Research and Development in Educational Leadership and Management (ENIRLDELM)/2023, 2024, 2025),
- upgrade website will be include a new part for self-evaluation online tool and the database of the schools.

WP3

- creation database of VET schools that use the self-evaluation tool (technical part),
- travel costs (data collection for 8 cases studies, presentation of outputs at the conferences (e.g. Czech educational research association, ICOLLE).

WP4 – travel costs, service for meetings/workshops, partnership of VET schools/VET providers and their social partners (representatives of employers, regional chambers of commerce, regional offices of the Czech School Inspectorate, branches of the Employment Office of the Czech Republic, trade unions, institutions of further adult education, universities, and other significant institutions of the region).

WP 5 – translations, service for meetings (peer meeting and meetings for the key stakeholders).

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2.1.4 Cost effectiveness and financial management

Cost effectiveness and financial management *(n/a for prefixed Lump Sum Grants)*

Describe the measures adopted to ensure that the proposed results and objectives will be achieved in the most cost-effective way.

Indicate the arrangements adopted for the financial management of the project and, in particular, how the financial resources will be allocated and managed within the consortium.

Do NOT compare and justify the costs of each work package, but summarize briefly why your budget is cost effective.

Regarding the financial management, the project will be implemented in accordance with national internal rules and procedures and with regard to the prices at the usual place and time, and in accordance with rules set by call for proposal and in accordance with the 3E rule (expediency, economy, effectiveness). NPI ČR, as an organisation established and budgeted by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, has set of internal regulations that will govern the project throughout its implementation (domestic and foreign travel costs, substitutes, rentals, catering). From the point of view of the planned public contracts, the expected prices will be determined based on market research. Public contracts will be implemented based on the selection of the most economically advantageous price offer and in accordance with the principles of socially responsible public procurement. The estimated value of each public contract is already determined when submitting this application based on a market survey.

As part of the financial management of the project, a detailed plan for the use of financial resources is established, checked, and updated with an overlap and link to the content and objectives of the project. The financial manager and the project manager are responsible for the financial management of the project. The financial manager controls all the processes of project implementation regarding its financing, continuously monitors the budget expenditures based on the principle of plan vs. reality, works with cash flow predictions for the following period and monitors budget utilization in relation to cash flow. Together with the project manager, he specifies the purposes of individual purchases in relation to the project goals and records the reasons for the purchase in the internal documentation of the NPI ČR. The financial manager is responsible for reporting the financial part of the project.

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2.1.5 Risk management

Critical risks and risk management strategy

Describe critical risks, uncertainties or difficulties related to the implementation of your project, and your measures/strategy for addressing them.

Indicate for each risk (in the description) the impact and the likelihood that the risk will materialise (high, medium, low), even after taking into account the mitigating measures.

Note: *Uncertainties and unexpected events occur in all organisations, even if very well-run. The risk analysis will help you to predict issues that could delay or hinder project activities. A good risk management strategy is essential for good project management.*

Risk No	Description	Work package No	Proposed risk-mitigation measures
1	The risk of an increase in input prices due to inflation (in the area of salaries, wages, services, equipment) – high	WP1, WP2, WP3, WP4, WP5	Salaries and wages are set within limits and thus wages, to rise in such a way as to cause an outflow of workers.
2	Changes in national priorities for the development of the VET system, VET legislation and changes in the priorities of cooperating stakeholders at the national level – medium	WP3, WP4, WP5	Communication with representatives of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, other important stakeholders at the national level and the management of the NPI ČR
3	The risk of meeting the schedule and the quality of project outputs implemented through public procurement – medium	WP1, WP2, WP3, WP4	The administration of public contracts is carried out by specialists within the institution, which will ensure adequate quality of services, thorough specification and its control, as well as the legal protection of the contracting authority included in the contract for the performance of public contracts.

4	Personnel changes in the project – medium	WP1, WP2, WP3, WP4, WP5	<p>Creation of an overview of the activities of individual job positions, including the expected professional competences regarding the substitutability of individual experts and the possibility of training new employees.</p> <p>Flexibility in creating and changing the project team.</p> <p>Dividing the project into several stages so that suitable experts can be found well in advance, or one expert can be used more than once</p>
5	Risks arising from the current situation in Europe and at the national level (impacts of the war conflict in Ukraine, financial crisis, political instability) – low	WP3, WP4, WP5	Activities are planned in such a way that it is possible to respond flexibly to the given situation (i.e., using online/remote support tools).
6	Changes in management processes within the NPI ČR (methods of project management, human resources management, financial management in the institution) – low	WP1	Intensive communication with the management of the NPI ČR, with the "Project and process management support" department, with the "Networking, partnership and international relations" department
7	Low interest of the target group in project outputs – low	WP2, WP3, WP4	Targeted cooperation with key stakeholders in the given area, intensive cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, sufficient and targeted PR and communication activities, high quality of the support offered, recommendations for the optimal way of providing support so that there is a minimum burden especially on schools (online forms of support, appropriate distribution of activities, ...) depending on the situation.

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2.2 PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS

2.2.1 Consortium set-up

Consortium cooperation and division of roles (if applicable)

Describe the participants (Beneficiaries, Affiliated Entities and Associated Partners, if any) and explain how they will work together to implement the project. How will they bring together the necessary expertise? How will they complement each other?

In what way does each of the participants contribute to the project? Show that each has a valid role and adequate resources to fulfil that role.

Note: *When building your consortium you should think of organisations that can help you reach objectives and solve problems.*

Not applicable

2.2.2 Consortium management and decision-making

Consortium management and decision-making (if applicable)

Explain the management structures and decision-making mechanisms within the consortium. Describe how decisions will be taken and how regular and effective communication will be ensured. Describe methods to ensure planning and control.

Note: The concept (including organisational structure and decision-making mechanisms) must be adapted to the complexity and scale of the project.

Not applicable

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3. IMPACT

3.1 Impact and ambition

Impact and ambition

Please address each guiding points presented in the Invitation to submit under the award criterion 'Impact'.

Define the short, medium and long-term effects of the project.

Who are the target groups? How will the target groups benefit concretely from the project and what would change for them?

In terms of continuity over time, effects and impacts can be divided into short-term, medium-term, and long-term.

The **short-term** effects and impact are manifested immediately after the finalization of the project. At the end of the project, all outputs that were declared to be public will be available. The fact that the basic method of working with the selected VET schools is mutual learning (WP4) and most of the project's outputs are publicly available (WP2) ensures the impact of the project on all target groups of the project as well as those interested in quality assurance in modularized education in schools.

The **medium-term** effects and impact (1-5 years) arise from the strategic documents of the Czech Republic (*Strategy 2030+*, the prepared *Long-term plan for education*) and it can be expected that all project outputs will be continuously improved and developed within the framework of the main activities of the NPI ČR. This will lay the foundations for monitoring the quality of VET with an emphasis on the self-evaluation of VET providers. This time horizon will also show whether VET providers' confidence in the EQAVET assessment cycle has increased, and the attractiveness of VET providers offering modularized school education programs has increased.

Long-term impact (5-10 years)

The long-term vision of the Department of VET curricula, career guidance and further education is the introduction of a transparent quality assurance system for modularized school education programs, which will be based on regular monitoring.

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3.2 Communication, dissemination and visibility

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding

Describe the communication and dissemination activities which are planned in order to promote the activities/results

and maximise the impact (to whom, which format, how many, etc.). Clarify how you will reach the target groups, relevant stakeholders, policymakers and the general public and explain the choice of the dissemination channels. Describe how the visibility of EU funding will be ensured.

Communication activities and dissemination of the project outputs will be aimed at a wide range of VET providers and stakeholders, who have the potential to offer modularized school education programmes and participate in the evaluation of the quality of school education programmes development. There are following target groups in the Czech Republic:

- representatives of VET schools (such as school leaders, teachers of vocational subjects, vocational training and work-based learning, representatives of the school counselling service),
- representatives of social partners of selected VET schools (e.g. employers who have a contractual partnership with a school),
- representatives of C-VET providers who are connected to the VET school(s) or are a significant providers of education opportunities for adults (e.g. retraining) in the region,
- statutory authorities, national stakeholders in the regions (NPI ČR, Czech School Inspectorate, Employment Office ČR, Chamber of Commerce, key professional associations, ...).

In line with the communication and dissemination strategy, a wide range of target groups is expected to be reached:

- personal communication with the representatives of target groups,
- dissemination of information and promotional materials on selected events of cooperating institutions (conferences/workshops/seminars) or at fairs, through the personal participation of project team members at events, MS Teams/Zoom, through the project website, social networks of NPI ČR, newsletters, etc,
- dissemination of project outputs.

Communication and dissemination activities will be continuously evaluated as project outputs (see 2.1.2). Dissemination of project outputs (WP3, WP4, WP5) is planned through the combination of a wider range of communication tools.

Project website

The website serves as a tool for disseminating information about the project and its outputs, as well as a signpost between already existing and emerging methodological materials for the creation of a modularized school education program. The project website will feature a publicly accessible but secure database of (anonymized) schools that can evaluate and share the results of self-evaluation in work-based learning conditions.

PR campaign

As part of the campaign, intervention, outreach, and involvement of target groups will be monitored. The settings of individual communication channels will be agilely adjusted according to needs. The PR campaign will be evaluated according to standard analytics, and their parameters will be modified as needed (keyword analysis, Google analytics, etc.). Analytics will be implemented as a summary of the results and the fulfillment of the set goals of the campaign, the evaluation of the results, and the setting of specific goals for communication and dissemination during the years 2024 and 2025.

Active participation of team members in conferences or events

We plan to participate in at least two events with a participation fee per year. For the duration of the project, we plan to participate in high level conferences abroad (3x meetings of the ENIRLDEM network, 1x ECER conference 2 participants).

Dissemination of project outputs in the journals and the press

We plan to offer at least 1 article for the duration of the project to a national or international scholarly journal and publish 2-3 popularization texts per year on the project website or in print.

Dissemination of project outputs through cooperating institutions, international and national networks, and project partners

Czech National Agency for International Education and Research, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Czech Republic, other EQAVET National Reference Points, ReferNet, EPAL, EAAL, Europass etc.

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3.3 Sustainability and continuation

Sustainability, long-term impact and continuation

Describe the follow-up of the project after the EU funding ends. How will the project impact be ensured and sustained?

What will need to be done? Which parts of the project should be continued or maintained? How will this be achieved? Which resources will be necessary to continue the project? How will the results be used?

Are there any possible synergies/complementarities with other (EU funded) activities that can build on the project results?

After the end of the project, project outputs (database of schools that are willing to use the self-evaluation tool for the purpose of improving the quality of work-based learning, the methodology of using the EQAVET of quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools) will be usable for setting up monitoring in VET, which is not currently in the Czech Republic set. Setting up the monitoring of VET is one of the general tasks of the NPI ČR, and it follows that some outputs will be used and further improvement directly by the NRP CZ and the NPI ČR.

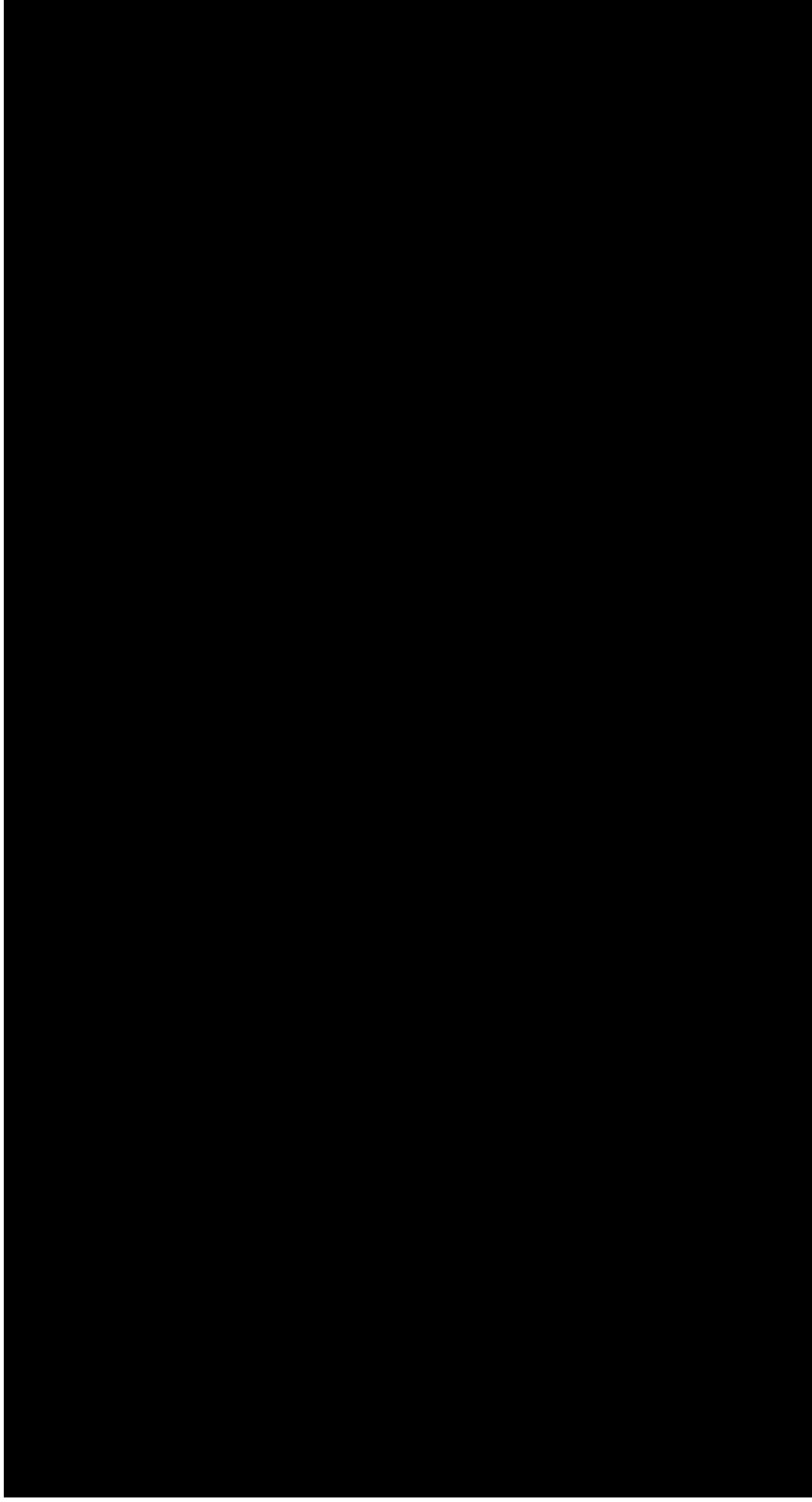
If we want to further develop cooperation with VET schools and their social partners in ensuring the quality of the VET system (at the national level) or create/modify other self-evaluation tools, which we consider desirable, we will have to look for additional resources after the end of the project.

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4. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING

4.1 Work plan



4.2 Work packages, activities, resources and timing

WORK PACKAGES
<p>Work packages</p> <p>This section concerns a detailed description of the project activities. Group your activities into work packages. A work package means a major sub-division of the project. For each work package, enter an objective (expected outcome) and list the activities, milestones and deliverables that belong to it. The grouping should be logical and guided by identifiable outputs.</p> <p>Projects should normally have a minimum of 2 work packages. WP1 should cover the management and coordination activities (meetings, coordination, project monitoring and evaluation, financial management, progress reports, etc) and all the activities which are cross-cutting and therefore difficult to assign to another specific work package (do not try splitting these activities across different work packages). WP2 and further WPs should be used for the other project activities. You can create as many work packages as needed by copying WP1. The last WP should be dedicated to Impact and dissemination.</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>Package for the entire project (WP1 with the project acronym as WP name). Please refer to the Call document/Programme Guide for work packages.</p> <p>Only allowed if authorised in the Call document/Programme Guide) must describe the conditions for implementing the support (for exact amounts, types of activity that qualify (closed list), persons/categories of persons to be supported and criteria and procedures of the prize and payment arrangements).</p> <p>Only once (under one work package).</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>(if applicable). (n/a for prefixed Lump Sum Grants)</p>
<p>Objectives</p> <p>List the specific objectives to which the work package is linked.</p>
<p>Activities and division of work (WP description)</p> <p>Provide a concise overview of the work (planned tasks). Be specific and give a short name and number for each task.</p> <p>Show who is participating in each task: Coordinator (COO), and if applicable Beneficiaries (BEN), Affiliated Entities (AE), Associated Partners (AP), indicating in bold the task leader.</p> <p>Add information on other participants' involvement in the project e.g. subcontractors, in-kind contributions.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>In-kind contributions for free are cost-neutral, i.e. cannot be declared as cost. Please indicate the in-kind contributions that are provided in the context of the work package.</p> <p>The Coordinator remains fully responsible for the coordination tasks, even if they are delegated to someone else. Coordinator tasks cannot be subcontracted.</p> <p>If there is subcontracting, please also complete the table below.</p>

Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)

Milestones are control points in the project that help to chart progress. They are not needed for ERASMUS IBA projects. You can leave the section on milestones empty. Deliverables are project outputs which are submitted to show project progress (any format). Refer only to major outputs. Do not include minor sub-items, internal working papers, meeting minutes, etc. Limit the number of deliverables to max 10-15 for the entire project. You may be asked to further reduce the number during grant preparation.

For deliverables such as meetings, events, seminars, trainings, workshops, webinars, conferences, etc., enter each deliverable separately and provide the following in the 'Description' field: invitation, agenda, signed presence list, target group, number of estimated participants, duration of the event, report of the event, training material package, presentations, evaluation report, feedback questionnaire.

For deliverables such as manuals, toolkits, guides, reports, leaflets, brochures, training materials etc., add in the 'Description' field: format (electronic or printed), language(s), approximate number of pages and estimated number of copies of publications (if any).

For each deliverable you will have to indicate a due month by when you commit to upload it in the Portal. The due month of the deliverable cannot be outside the duration of the work package and is indicated below. Month 1 marks the start of the project and all deadlines should be related to this starting date.

Information is automatically posted online on the Project Results platforms) conditions of the Grant Agreement

(e.g. national or international organisation), please select the equivalent EU classification level. [2015/444](#). For items classified under other rules

Work Package 1: Project management

Duration:	M1 – M36	Lead Beneficiary:	NPI ČR
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Objectives

WP1 aims to ensure effective project management based on the logframe method and executing project management processes in accordance to the rules and procedures of NPI ČR, Ministry of education, Youth and Sports, financing authority as well as in line with procedures set by the call: ERASMUS-EDU-2023-EQAVET-IBA (see Part 2.1.1, 2.1.2).

Activities and division of work (WP description)

Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Description	Participants		In-kind Contributions and Subcontracting (Yes/No and which)
			Name	Role (COO, BEN, AE,)	

					AP, OTHER)	
T 1.1	Management team detailed work plan, key stakeholders map	Assignment of the team members to the tasks and activities, including the quality management personnel, internal and external experts, map of key stakeholders needs	NPI ČR	COO	No	
T 1.2	Monitoring	Monitoring of the project execution will be done by regular project reports, project meetings minutes, and a checklist of the W/P aims and project results. Detailed task monitoring will be maintained in MSTeams.	NPI ČR	COO	No	
T 1.3	Evaluation	During the project implementation the goals of the quality management are: assessing and controlling project risk management, controlling project execution, tracking and reporting progress, analysing the results, monitoring their quality, monitoring of project milestones/results achievement, risks and actions to be taken to reduce the risks prevention + dealing with possible issues. Evaluation of the processes and outputs are part of the NPI ČR internal rules and EQAVET quality assurance cycle.	NPI ČR	COO	No	
T 1.4	Financial management	As part of the financial management of the project, a detailed plan for the use of financial resources is established, checked, and updated with an overlap and link to the content and objectives of the project.	NPI ČR	COO	No	
T 1.5	Reporting	Administration, fulfilment W/Ps, financial reporting will be performed every year for NPI ČR and in midterm of a project duration.	NPI ČR	COO	Yes translations	
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)						
Milestone No (continuous numbering)	Milestone Name	Work Package	Lead Beneficiary	Description	Due Date (month number)	Means of Verification

not linked to WP)		No											
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month number)	Description (including format and language)						
D1.1	Project report includes WPs report in midterm project duration	1	NPI ČR	R — Document, report	SEN — Sensitive	M18	Midterm report include fulfillment WPs and financial report – electronic format Czech language, English language						
D1.2	Project Closure report at national level includes WPs report in final project duration	1	NPI ČR	R — Document, report	SEN — Sensitive	M36	Final report include fulfillment WPs and financial report – electronic format Czech language,						

Estimated budget — Resources (n/a for prefixed Lump Sum Grants)

Costs										Total costs	
Participant	Costs									Total costs	
	A. Personnel	B. Subcontracting	C.1a Travel	C.1b Accommodation	C.1c Subistence	C.2 Equipment	C.3 Other goods, works and services	D.1 Financial support to third parties	E. Indirect costs		

[name]	X person months	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR
[name]	X person months	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR
Total	X person months	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR	X EUR

For certain Lump Sum Grants, see detailed budget table/calculator (annex 1 to Part B; see [Portal Reference Documents](#)).

Work Package 2: Communication and Dissemination

Duration:

M1 – M36

Lead Beneficiary:

NPI ČR

Objectives

WP2 aims to mobilize a wide range of stakeholders at the national level to be involved in the preparation of model modularized school educational programmes, disseminate project outputs and transfer the feedback from abroad to the Czech Republic.

Communication and dissemination activities will be aimed at a wide range of VET providers and stakeholders and inconsistent with this communication and dissemination strategy (see part 3.2).

As part of WP 2, information and promotional materials will be disseminated at the national level and in the regions at the project's events (events), or on selected events of key stakeholders (conferences/workshops/seminars), at fairs, through the personal participation of team members at the conferences or meetings abroad, through the project website, social networks of the NPI ČR, newsletters, etc.

Activities and division of work (WP description)					
Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Description	Participants		In-kind Contributions and Subcontracting (Yes/No and which)
			Name	Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER)	
T 2.1	Project PR and communication and dissemination strategy	The document will contain information about the communication and dissemination strategy, target groups, and means of dissemination with a timeline. It will be also contain information about dissemination opportunities of the expected project outcomes.	NPI ČR	COO	No
T2.2	Campaign promoting	The online promotion campaign is planned in 1Q 2024 to raise on impact of outputs from previous project and the advantages and demands of modularization in VET.	NPI ČR	COO	Yes External campaign provider, graphical services, print and supporting materials creation
T2.3	Dissemination activities	Dissemination of project outputs in scholarly journal, press, Newsletters, social media NPI ČR, presentation of project outputs at conferences/seminars Dissemination of project outputs through collaborating institutions, international and national networks or project partners (CŠI, Czech National Agency for International Education and Research, other EQAVET National Reference Points, etc.	NPI ČR	COO	Yes conferences fees (1x2 persons ECER fees during the project, 3x1 person ENIRDELM fees during the project), translations
T2.4	Updates and upgrades website of EQAVET-NRP CZ	The website will be regularly updated one a year.	NPI ČR	COO	Yes Upgrade website (technical

www.eqavet.cz						part)	
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)							
Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP)	Milestone Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Description		Due Date (month number)	Means of Verification
Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month number)	Description (including format and language)
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a
D2.1	Report from campaign promoting	2	NPI ČR	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc R — Document, report	PU — Public SEN — Sensitive	M10	Online campaign Report – electronic format Information and promotion campaign report containing statistics, results and recommendations Czech language
D2.2	Dissemination activities	2	NPI ČR	DEC — Websites, patent filings, videos, etc OTHER	PU — Public	M36	Other: 1 article publishing in the scholarly journal during the project 4 contributions/posters at the conferences during

D2.3	Updated website www.eqavet.cz	2	NPI ČR	DEC —Websites, patent filings, videos, etc	PU — Public	M12 M24 M36	the project English language publish 2-3 popularization texts per year on the project website or in print Czech language
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Work Package 3: Modularisation of VET curricula

Duration:

M1 – M36

Lead Beneficiary:

NPI ČR

Objectives

WP3 aims to map the conditions under which schools create their modularized school educational programmes and to offer VET schools a digitized self-evaluation tool for assessing work-based learning.

NRP EQAVET CZ will establish cooperation with 14 VET schools from different regions that use educational modules or have experience with creating modularized school educational programmes (across all educational fields). From them, we will select 8 VET schools that meet the criteria of quality cooperation between VET schools and employers (so-called functional and sustainability partnership) and, using these examples, we will map in detail the conditions and requirements (8 case studies) for the creation of a modularized school educational programmes, including how they ensure the quality of the creation of a modularized school educational programme.

We will modify the tool for evaluating the conditions work-based learning standard, which was piloted within the EQAVET 2021-2023 project, into a digitized version of the self-evaluation tool. By modifying this tool and database prototype for self-evaluation WBL, we will create the conditions for the introduction of voluntary benchmarking of VET schools in work-based learning.

Activities and division of work (WP description)

Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Description	Participants		In-kind Contributions and Subcontracting (Yes/No and which)	
			Name	Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER)		
T 3.1	Identify functional and sustainability partnership	Based on the secondary analysis of data from the survey (questionnaire) on cooperation between VET schools and employers we will identify functional and sustainability partnership (quality of cooperation between VET schools and employers)	NPI ČR	COO	No	
T 3.2	Preparation of digitized self-evaluation tool for work-based learning	Modification of the standard for work-based learning into the form self-evaluation tool assessing work-based learning Database prototype for a self-evaluation tool Upgraded website for to used self-evaluation of schools (WP2)	NPI ČR	COO	Yes, Database prototype for a self-evaluation tool Upgrade website – new part for digitized self-evaluation tool and the database of the schools	
T3.3	Case studies of functional and sustainability partnerships by the creation of modularized school educational programmes in VET providers	Data collection for 8 case studies of functional and sustainability partnerships by the creation of modularized school educational programmes in VET schools	NPI ČR	COO	No	
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)						
Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP)	Milestone Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Description	Due Date (month number)	Means of Verification

Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	n/a	n/a	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	n/a	n/a	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month number)	Description (including format and language)
D3.1	n/a	n/a	3	NPI ČR	n/a	n/a	DEM — Demonstrator, pilot, prototype DATA — data sets, microdata, etc	SEN — Sensitive	M16	Upgrade website – new part for self-evaluation online tool and the database of the schools Czech language
D3.2	n/a	n/a	3	NPI ČR	n/a	n/a	R — Document, report	PU — Public	M28	Report – electronic format Czech language
D3.3	n/a	n/a	3	NPI ČR	n/a	n/a	R — Document, report	PU — Public	M36	Case studies – electronic format Czech language

Work Package 4: Evaluation of monitoring and curriculum design					
Duration:	M5 – M36	Lead Beneficiary:	NPI ČR		
Objectives					
<p>WP4 has two aims. One of them is to provide feedback from VET schools to stakeholders at the national level on the prototype model modularized school educational programmes. Second aim is to teach representatives of 8 VET schools that already have an experience with modularization in education to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the creation of new modularized school educational programmes and to cooperate with social partners on evaluation of the modularly arranged school educational programmes.</p> <p>Based on the secondary analysis of data from a questionnaire survey on the topic of cooperation between VET schools and employers from 2023 within the EQAVET 2021-2023 project, we will identify functional and sustainable partnerships between VET schools and employers (D3.3 – case studies). During this WP it will be not involved in functional and sustainable partnerships only VET schools and employers, who have a contractual partnership with schools but it will be also open it's to other social partners of VET providers in the region (founder, representatives of employers, regional chambers of commerce, regional offices of the Czech School Inspectorate, branches of the Employment Office of the Czech Republic, trade unions, institutions of further adult education, universities, and other significant institutions of the region. These partnerships are the basic unit for peer learning to use the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the evaluation process of the modularly arranged school educational programmes of selected groups of education fields.</p> <p>NRP CZ creates opportunities for the exchange and sharing of experience with the creation of modularized school educational programmes among 8 VET schools and other VET providers in the region, for the national level (6x meetings during the project), and opportunities for peer learning of partnerships members in the region on the use of the EQAVET quality assurance cycle in evaluation modularly arranged school educational programmes (2 workshops per year).</p>					
Activities and division of work (WP description)					
Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Description	Participants		In-kind Contributions and Subcontracting (Yes/No and which)
			Name	Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER)	
T4.1	Preparation of Self-evaluation report	Self-evaluation report from each school focusing on evaluation of modularized school educational programme	NPI ČR	COO	Yes, Partnership with VET schools/VET providers

T4.2	School action planning	School action plan from each school focusing on the use of the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management of schools in the creation of modularized school educational programme and to evaluate its.	NPI ČR	COO	Yes Partnership with VET schools/VET providers Services for Meetings, Seminars (catering etc.)		
T4.3	Development of methodological tools for stakeholders	Workshops and meetings	NPI ČR	COO	Yes Partnership with VET schools/VET providers Services for meetings/seminars (catering etc.) Graphical design service/proposals for website editing, print and supporting material creation (leaflets, posters etc.)		
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)							
Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP)	Milestone Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Description	Due Date (month number)	Means of Verification	
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month number)	Description (including format and language)

D4.1	Self-Evaluation reports of the partnerships (include 8 examples of the school action plans for the creation of modularized school educational programmes)	4	NPI ČR	R — Document, report	SEN — Sensitive	M36	Report – electronic format Czech language
D4.2	Manual on using the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management of VET schools in the creation of modularized school educational programmes and evaluation it	4	NPI ČR	R — Document, report	PU — Public	M36	Report – electronic format Czech language
D4.3	Methodological tools for stakeholders 1x checklist of rules for the creation of model modularized school educational programmes at the national level 1x checklist of necessary conditions (in relation to educational leadership,	3	NPI ČR	DEM — Demonstrator, pilot, prototype	PU — Public	M36	Report – electronic format Czech language

	<p>cooperation between schools and employers and curriculum design including mechanisms for ensuring the quality of curriculum design) for the use of model modularized school educational programmes in VET schools</p>						
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Work Package 5: Peer Review	
Duration:	M1 – M36
Objectives	Lead Beneficiary: NPI ČR
<p>Objective of WP 5 is to host one peer review at the system level focusing on modularization in VET and to participate in peer reviews hosted by other NPPs.</p> <p>In view of the objective to reduce greenhouse emissions in the European Union the NRP EQAVET CZ will organise the peer review as an online event. NRP EQAVET CZ would like to invite peers (overall 8 people max) from Norway, Latvia, Netherlands and Slovakia to share their level of expertise in this topic.</p> <p>NRP will invite few key stakeholders to participate in the peer review (two representatives of the Ministry of education, Youth and Sports and two representatives of schools testing the modular school educational programmes, key partner – Czech School Inspectorate and others). Information for the evaluation report will be collected from key stakeholders in spring 2025.</p> <p>Czech NRP will follow the open-door principle.</p>	
Activities and division of work (WP description)	

Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Description	Participants		In-kind Contributions and Subcontracting (Yes/No and which)
			Name	Role (COO, BEN, AE, AP, OTHER)	
T 5.1	Preparation of Peer review	The first phase (5/2025 – 9/2025): Volunteers and peers are appointed and trained Concept note is prepared Self-assessment report is finalised Briefing and training of peers	NPI ČR	COO	Yes Translations, self-assessment report contribution (best practice)
T 5.2	Peer review meeting	The second phase (10/2025): Initial peer discussion Peer review meeting in online format	NPI ČR	COO	No
T 5.3	Peer feedback	The third phase (11-12/2025): Peer feedback Report and summary of the peer feedback	NPI ČR	COO	Yes Translations
T 5.4	Follow-up	The fourth phase (12/2025 - 6/2026): Review of peer feedback Designing the Action plan Self-assessment of the impact of the peer review and evaluation of the Action plan (part of the D5.3)	NPI ČR	COO	Yes Translations, service for meetings/seminars
T 5.5	Taking part in other peer reviews	NPI ČR and NRP EQAVET experts are ready to participate as peers in max. 7 peer reviews of other NRPs (either face –to face or online, max. 2 reviewers in one peer review).	NPI ČR	COO	No

Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)									
Milestone No (continuous numbering not linked to WP)	Milestone Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Description		Due Date (month number)	Means of Verification		
Deliverable No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Deliverable Name	Work Package No	Lead Beneficiary	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (month number)	Description (including format and language)		
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		
D 5.1	Self-assessment report	5	NPI ČR	R — Document, report/	PU — Public]	M26	Report – electronic format Czech language, English language		
D 5.2	Report and summary of the peer feedbacks	5	NPI ČR	R — Document, report/	[PU — Public]	M28	Report – electronic format Czech language, English language		
D 5.3	Updated report on national quality assurance with emphasis on modularisation in VET	5	NPI ČR	R — Document, report	[PU — Public]	M35	Report – electronic format Czech language, English language		

Events and meetings

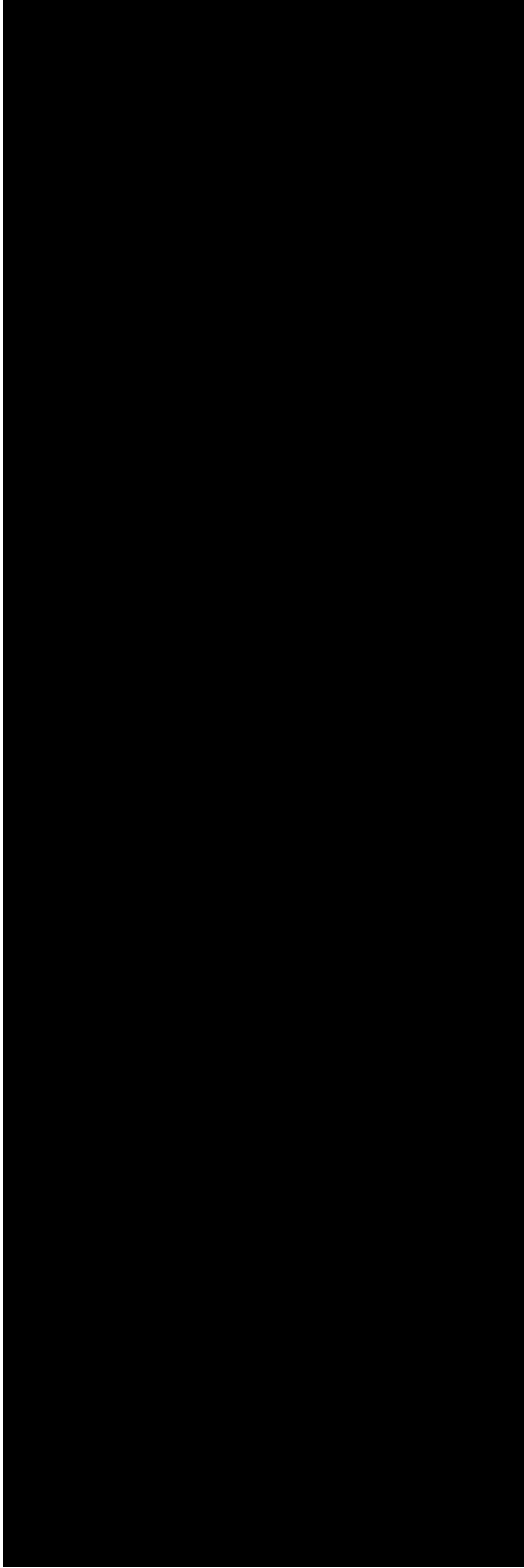
Events and meetings							
<i>This table is to be completed for events and meetings that have been mentioned as part of the activities in the work packages above. Give more details on the type, location, number of persons attending, etc.</i>							
Event No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Participant	Description				Attendees	
		Name	Type	Area	Location	Duration (days)	Number
E1.1	VET schools with their social partners	Experiences with the creation of modularized school education programmes	Workshop (1x)	Curriculum design, modularization in VET, the creation of modularized school education programmes	Regional centres of NPI ČR, VET schools, Czech Republic	1	15 participants /1 workshop
E1.2	VET schools with their social partners	Experiences with cooperation by the creation of modularized school education programmes	Workshop (1x)	Curriculum design, modularization in VET, the creation of modularized school education programmes, cooperation	Regional centres of NPI ČR, VET schools, Czech Republic	1	15 participants /1 workshop
E1.3	VET schools with their social partners	Self-evaluation report focusing on the creation of modularized school education programmes	Workshop (1x)	Strategic management, EQAVET quality assurance and improvement cycle	Regional centres of NPI ČR, VET schools, Czech Republic	1	15 participants /1 workshop

E 1.4	VET schools with their social partners	Self-evaluation report focusing on the use of the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management	Workshop (1x)	Strategic management and use the EQAVET quality assurance and improvement cycle	Regional centres of NPI ČR, VET schools, Czech Republic	1	15 participants /1 workshop
E 1.5	VET schools with their social partners	School action plan and impact on the creation of modularized school education programmes	Workshop (1x)	Strategic management and use the EQAVET quality assurance and improvement cycle in school action plan	Regional centres of NPI ČR, VET schools, Czech Republic	1	15 participants /1 workshop
E 1.6	Key stakeholders at the regional level	Opportunities the use of the EQAVET cycle of quality assurance in accordance with the strategic management	Meeting (1x)	Cooperation in evaluation school educational programmes	Regional centres of NPI ČR, Czech Republic	1	25 participants /1 meeting
E 1.7	Key stakeholders at the regional level	Cooperation in evaluation modularly arranged school education programmes	Meeting (2x)	Cooperation in evaluation school educational programmes	Regional centres of NPI ČR, Czech Republic	1	25 participants /1 meeting
E 1.8	Key stakeholders at the regional and the national level	Cooperation in evaluation modularly arranged school education programmes	Meeting (2x)	Cooperation in evaluation school educational programmes	Czech Republic	1	25 participants /1 meeting
E 1.9	Key stakeholders at the regional and	Rules for the creation of model	Meeting (2x)	Model modularized school education	Czech Republic	1	25 participants /1 meeting

	national level	modularized school education programmes		programmes		
E1.10	Key stakeholders at the national level	Peer feedback and designing the Action plan (WP5)	Meeting (1x)	Prague	1	10 participants /1 meeting

Timetable





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5. OTHER

5.1 Ethics

Ethics (if applicable)
Not applicable.

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5.2 Security

Security
Not applicable.

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6. DECLARATIONS

Double funding	
Information concerning other EU grants for this project	YES/NO
<i>Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions).</i>	
We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it have benefitted from any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc). If NO, explain and provide details.	YES
We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it are (nor will be) submitted for any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc). If NO, explain and provide details.	YES

Financial support to third parties (if applicable)
<i>If your project requires a higher maximum amount per third party than the threshold amount set in the Call document/Programme Guide, justify and explain why this is necessary in order to fulfil your project's objectives.</i>
No

Seal of Excellence (if applicable)	
<i>If provided in the Call document, proposals that pass the evaluation but are below the budget threshold (i.e. pass the minimum thresholds but are not ranked high enough to receive funding) will be awarded a Seal of Excellence. In this context we may share information about your proposal with other EU or national funding bodies through the Erasmus+ National Agencies.</i>	
Do you agree that your proposal (including proposal data and documentation) is shared with other EU and national funding bodies to find funding under other schemes?	YES

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ANNEXES

LIST OF ANNEXES

Standard

Detailed budget table/Calculator (annex 1 to Part B) — *mandatory for certain Lump Sum Grants (see [Portal Reference Documents](#))*

CVs (annex 2 to Part B) — *mandatory, if required in the Call document/Programme Guide*

Annual activity reports (annex 3 to Part B) — *not applicable*

List of previous projects (annex 4 to Part B) — *mandatory, if required in the Call document/Programme Guide*

Special

Other annexes — *mandatory, if required in the Call document/Programme Guide*

ANNEX 1: LIST OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS

List of previous projects					
<i>Please provide a list of your previous projects for the last 4 years.</i>					
Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER)	Amount (EUR)	Website (if any)
PIC NUV - suspended: 950 360 508 PIC NPI: 948 011 653					
National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic	ICSE Teachers Academy – project ProSTEM	2022-2025	Silent partner	€ 0	Not yet
National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic	Czech national coalition for digital jobs - CEF Connecting Europe Facility (DG Connect)	2020-2023	COO/BEN	€ 84,192	www.digikoalice.cz
National Institute for Education (NUV – previous name of the institute)	EQAVET NRP CZ: National Institute for Education, 586548-EPP-1-2017-1-CZ-EPPKA3-EQAVET-NRP, Erasmus+ KA3 Policy Networks	(1/4/2017-31/3/2019)	COO/BEN	€ 150,000	EQAVET - Zajišťování kvality v odborném vzdělávání, Národní pedagogický institut České republiky (dříve Národní ústav pro vzdělávání) (npi.cz)
National Institute for Education (NUV – previous name of the institute)	EQAVET NRP Czech Republic, 2019 -0488/001-001, Erasmus+ KA3 Policy Networks	(1/4/2019-31/3/2021)	COO/BEN	€ 150,000	EQAVET, Národní pedagogický institut České republiky (dříve Národní ústav pro vzdělávání) (npi.cz)
National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech	101048408 — EQAVET NRP CZ 2021 — ERASMUS-EDU-2021-EQAVET-	1/11/2021-31/8/2023)	COO/BEN	€ 150,000	https://www.npi.cz/p/rojekty/4590-egavet www.eqavet.cz

Republic	IBA				
National Institute for Education (NUV – previous name of the institute)	Europass and EQF NCP Czech Republic, VS/2018/0212, Erasmus+ KA3 Policy Networks	(1/1/2018-31/3/2021)	COO/BEN	€ 483,200	www.europass.cz www.eqf.cz
National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic	101051509 — EG and EP and EQF CZ — ERASMUS-EDU-2021-POL-NTWK-IBA	(1/4/2021-31/12/2023)	COO/BEN	€ 588,900	www.euroguidance.cz www.europass.cz www.eqf.cz
National Institute for Education (NUV – previous name of the institute)	National Coordinators for the implementation of the European Agenda for Adult Learning, 614215-EPP-1-2019-1-CZ--EPPKA3-AL-AGENDA, Erasmus+ KA3 Policy Networks	(1/1/2020-31/12/2021)	COO/BEN	€ 72,000	www.nuv.cz/projekt/y/eaal
National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic	101051512 — EAAL CZ — ERASMUS-EDU-2021-AL-AGENDA-IBA	(1/1/2022-31/12/2023)	COO/BEN	€ 215,760	https://www.npi.cz/projekty/4596-evropska-agenda-pro-vzdelavani-dospelych
National Institute for Education (NUV – previous name of the institute)	ReferNet Czech Republic, Cedefop's European Network for Information on Vocational Education and Training (VET), No 2015-FPA6JGP/DSI/ReferNet_FPA/001/15	(2016- 2019)	COO/BEN	€ 269,000	www.nuv.cz/projekt/y/refernet
National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic	ReferNet Czech Republic, Cedefop's European Network for Information on Vocational Education and Training (VET), No 2020-FPA4/GP/DSI/ReferNet_FPA/001/20	(2020-2023)	COO/BEN	€ 268,266	https://www.npi.cz/projekty/4594-refernet-cr

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	25.02.2021	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	01.06.2022	Consolidation, formatting and layout changes. Tags added.

ANNEX 2

ESTIMATED BUDGET (LUMP SUM BREAKDOWN) FOR THE ACTION

Forms of funding	Estimated EU contribution					Maximum grant amount ¹ f = a + b + c + d + e
	Estimated eligible lump sum contributions (per work package)					
	WP1 Project management Lump sum contribution a	WP2 Communication and Dissemination Lump sum contribution b	WP3 Modularisation of VET curricula Lump sum contribution c	WP4 Evaluation of monitoring and curriculum design Lump sum contribution d	WPS Peer Review Lump sum contribution e	
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¹ The 'maximum grant amount' is the maximum grant amount fixed in the grant agreement (on the basis of the sum of the beneficiaries' lump sum shares for the work packages).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE ACTION FOR REPORTING PERIOD [NUMBER]

EU contribution												
Eligible lump sum contributions (per work package)												
	WP1 [name]	WP2 [name]	WP3 [name]	WP4 [name]	WP5 [name]	WP6 [name]	WP7 [name]	WP8 [name]	WP9 [name]	WP10 [name]	WP [XX]	Requested EU contribution
	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	(Lump sum contribution/Financing not linked to costs)	
Forms of funding	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	COMPLETED	PARTIALLY COMPLETED	COMPLETED	NOT COMPLETED	
Status of completion	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	$l = a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k$

1 – [short name beneficiary]	
1.1 – [short name affiliated entity]	
2 – [short name beneficiary]	
2.1 – [short name affiliated entity]	
X – [short name associated partner]	
Total consortium	

The consortium hereby confirms that:

The information provided is complete, reliable and true.

The lump sum contributions declared are eligible (in particular, the work packages have been completed and the work has been properly implemented and/or the results were achieved; see Article 6).

The proper implementation of the action/achievement of the results can be substantiated by adequate records and supporting documentation that will be produced upon request or in the context of checks, reviews, audits and investigations (see Articles 19, 21 and 25).

SPECIFIC RULES

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) — BACKGROUND AND RESULTS — ACCESS RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF USE (— ARTICLE 16)

Rights of use of the granting authority on results for information, communication, publicity and dissemination purposes

The granting authority also has the right to exploit non-sensitive results of the action for information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes, using any of the following modes:

- **use for its own purposes** (in particular, making them available to persons working for the granting authority or any other EU service (including institutions, bodies, offices, agencies, etc.) or EU Member State institution or body; copying or reproducing them in whole or in part, in unlimited numbers; and communication through press information services)
- **distribution to the public** in hard copies, in electronic or digital format, on the internet including social networks, as a downloadable or non-downloadable file
- **editing** or **redrafting** (including shortening, summarising, changing, correcting, cutting, inserting elements (e.g. meta-data, legends or other graphic, visual, audio or text elements extracting parts (e.g. audio or video files), dividing into parts or use in a compilation
- **translation** (including inserting subtitles/dubbing) in all official languages of EU
- **storage** in paper, electronic or other form
- **archiving** in line with applicable document-management rules
- the right to authorise **third parties** to act on its behalf or sub-license to third parties, including if there is licensed background, any of the rights or modes of exploitation set out in this provision
- **processing**, analysing, aggregating the results and **producing derivative works**
- **disseminating** the results in widely accessible databases or indexes (such as through ‘open access’ or ‘open data’ portals or similar repositories, whether free of charge or not.

The beneficiaries must ensure these rights of use for the whole duration they are protected by industrial or intellectual property rights.

If results are subject to moral rights or third party rights (including intellectual property rights or rights of natural persons on their image and voice), the beneficiaries must ensure that they

comply with their obligations under this Agreement (in particular, by obtaining the necessary licences and authorisations from the rights holders concerned).

Access rights for the granting authority, EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies and national authorities to results for policy purposes

The beneficiaries must grant access to their results — on a royalty-free basis — to the granting authority, other EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies, for developing, implementing and monitoring EU policies or programmes.

Such access rights are limited to non-commercial and non-competitive use.

The access rights also extend to national authorities of EU Member States or associated countries, for developing, implementing and monitoring their policies or programmes in this area. In this case, access is subject to a bilateral agreement to define specific conditions ensuring that:

- the access will be used only for the intended purpose and
- appropriate confidentiality obligations are in place.

Moreover, the requesting national authority or EU institution, body, office or agency (including the granting authority) must inform all other national authorities of such a request.

Access rights for third parties to ensure continuity and interoperability

Where the call conditions impose continuity or interoperability obligations, the beneficiaries must make the materials, documents and information and results produced in the framework of the action available to the public (freely accessible on the Internet under open licences or open source licences).

COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY (— ARTICLE 17)

Additional communication and dissemination activities

The beneficiaries must engage in the following additional communication and dissemination activities:

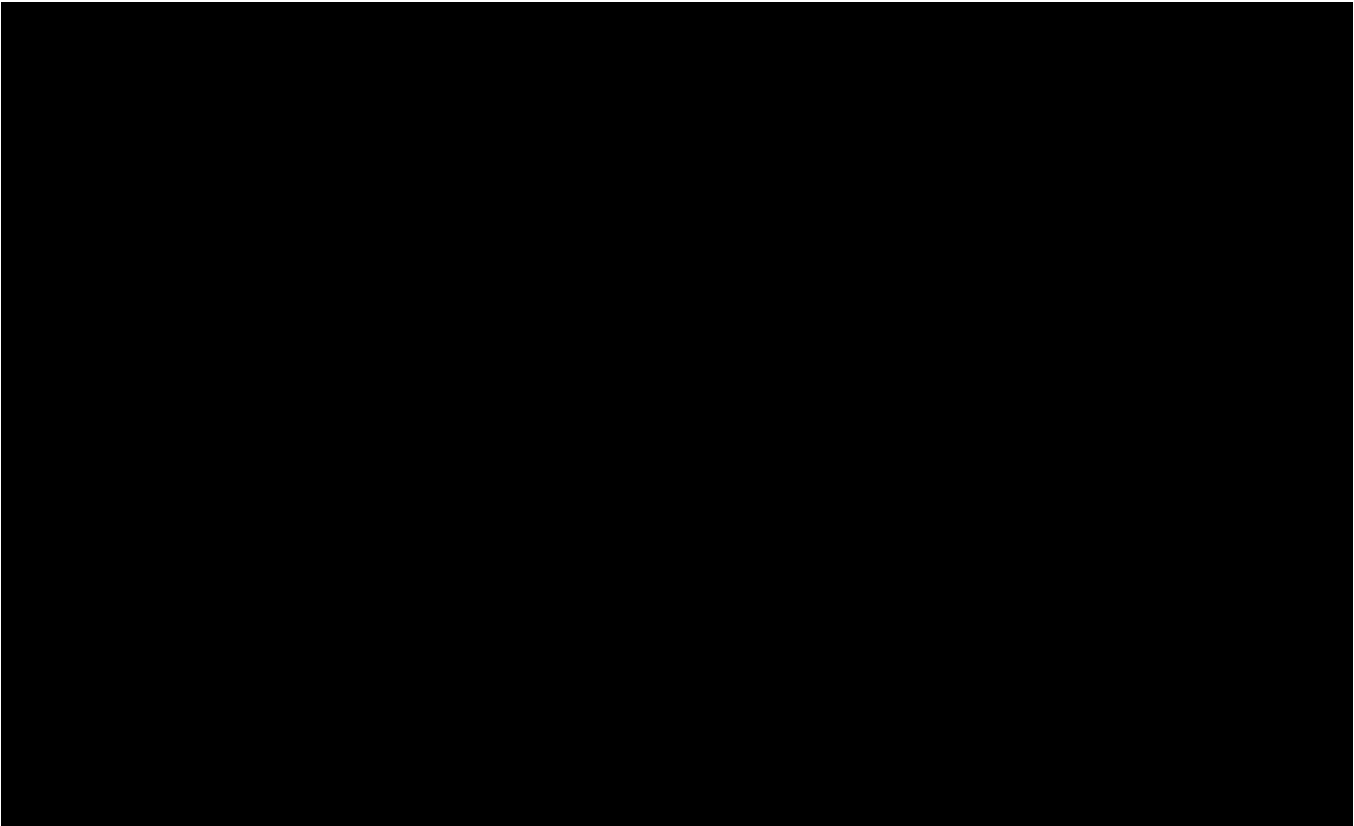
- **present the project** (including project summary, coordinator contact details, list of participants, European flag and funding statement and project results) on the beneficiaries' **websites** or **social media accounts**
- for actions involving public **events**, display signs and posters mentioning the action and the European flag and funding statement
- upload the public **project results** to the Erasmus+ Project Results platform, available through the Funding & Tenders Portal.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR CARRYING OUT THE ACTION (— ARTICLE 18)

EU restrictive measures

The beneficiaries must ensure that the EU grant does not benefit any affiliated entities, associated partners, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties that are

subject to restrictive measures adopted under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union or Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).



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